



ACADEMIC SENATE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 30, 2018
FACULTY CONFERENCE ROOM

The meeting was called to order by Tom Nordenholz at 11:05 am.

Present: Tom Nordenholz (Chair), Alex Parker (Vice-Chair), Dinesh Pinisetty (Secretary), Khalid Bachkar, Keir Moorhead, Margot Hanson, Steve Browne, Cynthia Trevisan.

Guests: Sue Opp (Provost); Andres Ramirez (Student); Bob Arp (VP of University Advancement)

Absent: None

The minutes from the General Senate Meeting (Oct 9, 2018) and the Senate Executive meeting (Oct 23, 2018) were again reviewed by the committee members and few changes were suggested. The approval of the minutes was postponed to the next Senate Executive Meeting.

Announcements

- David Taliaferro will be visiting our next Senate Executive Meeting to discuss about ELDP program on our campus.
- We will discuss RTP policy during our next Senate Executive Meeting.
- Ken Rivers a 2017 graduate from ET died and whole ET family were hurt hearing to this sad news.

Consultant on Shared Governance

A faculty member did some research and suggested an independent external consultant by name Elizabeth Bulette who is the principal of 'Bulette Consulting' established in 2010. For over 35 years, Dr. Bulette has been involved in university administration, leadership and governance. Over the past ten years Dr. Bulette has published, presented and consulted on issues of governance and leadership, primarily at private colleges and universities.

The other option that we have is Dr. Gary Reichard who currently serves as a Senior VP for Academic Affairs/Provost at The City University of New York. He will be retiring from his current position in December 2018. Dr. Reichard has had a career in higher education spanning over 40 years. He

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previously held senior academic leadership positions in the California State University System. He also served as an interim Provost at our campus. He already expressed interest to serve as an external consultant to evaluate shared governance on our campus.

The Committee discussed the options and arrived at the following consensus:

- The Committee will interview both candidates separately to gauge their perspective on the process and evaluate their individual experiences in pursuing this task on our campus. The Committee will develop a set of questions for the interviews
- Considering their different experiences, it might be desirable to have both Gary and Elizabeth serve, as a team, or separately, to evaluate our shared governance. However, the amount of budget allocated for this evaluation process is unknown at this point of time.

Capital Campaign

Bob Arp (VP of University Advancement) joined the meeting at 12 noon to discuss about the Capital Campaign. He introduced Linda Bowers (who currently holds the position of Senior Director) in the Office of University Advancement. The tentative Working Goal of the Campaign is 50 million dollars. Although this sum seems to be ambitious at this point of time, the team is confident that they can achieve this target.

All the campus priorities to work with the Campaign money were presented to the Senate Executive Committee. The Committee should evaluate the priorities and all the faculty input needs to be provided to the Office of University Advancement.