

Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020

In attendance: Dinesh Pinisetty (Chair), Keir Moorhead (Vice Chair), Sarah Senk (Secretary), Steve Browne, Christine Isakson, Elizabeth McNie, Cynthia Trevisan, Wil Tsai, Sianna Brito

- I. Sea Training Oversight Committee Update
  - a. Moorhead reports that group met to review the membership of the new senate Cruise oversight committee, and group discussed whether it was appropriate to have the Captain and the Deans on the Committee. This committee oversees the academic elements of cruise. Years ago the existing cruise committee was a faculty committee, but some time ago it transitioned to a campus committee. So this committee is designed specifically to look at the academics.
  - b. Moorhead argues that they should be included because we (faculty) have very little control over the ship, and in order to affect change we need the Captain there.
  - c. Dissenting group argues that it is not appropriate to have Captains and Deans on the committee because the Captain may be the subject of discussion, and the committee may not feel comfortable expressing criticism of leadership if those leaders are present in the room.
  - d. Browne points out that because it's a senate committee, the Captain would be a ex-officio nonvoting member anyway.
  - e. Senk points out that under the new by-laws these committees have the power to request information, conduct faculty surveys, write reports, and write resolutions. Any reports/resolutions will come before the whole senate for a vote, so the potential for retribution is less of a concern.
  
- II. Course Classifications and WTUs
  - a. Pinisetty reports that the CSU has a classification – the “Workload K Factor” for WTUs. Cal Maritime’s practice differs from the CSU policy. For example, the CSU document says 2 hours labs are 1.3 WTUs, but we count them as 1.5
  - b. Browne and Trevisan argue that any new courses would need to meet the standards, but any existing courses are grandfathered in.
  - c. Interim Provost asks if we were officially grandfathered in when we joined the CSU.
  - d. Browne reports that in previous discussions with Deans he was told that we were “grandfathered in” and notes that changing the WTUs for existing courses would be an increase in workload and could be a union issue.
  - e. Tsai says that we need to find documentation of this approval. Browne says documentation may not exist.
  - f. Pinisetty states that it is difficult for department chairs to assign faculty 12 WTUs when labs are worth 1.3 units. Browne says by contract we can't teach more than 24 per year, but we can teach less. But for Lecturers it will be a problem because they're paid by WTU.

III. Senate Elections

- a. Pinisetty sent an email last week to department chairs reminding them to conduct elections for their department representatives. Chairs will notify Pinisetty on Friday who the department representatives are.
- b. Senk will clarify at the General meeting tomorrow that a department representative can also run for an ASCSU position; if they are elected, the department must hold an immediate election to replace the department representative.
- c. ACTIONS: Chair will announce at the General Meeting tomorrow that nominations due for Faculty-at-Large, Lecturer-at-Larger, and ASCSU representatives are due on Wednesday Feb 26. Elections will close on March 1 and be announced on March 2.

IV. Student Discipline

- a. Taiyo Inuoe sent an email this week asking the Senate to review student disciplinary procedures. He is concerned that sanctions are meted out inconsistently or disproportionately.
- b. Committee asks: should unlicensed students be held to the same standards?
- c. ACTION: Chair will request that Roger Scranton attend our meeting next week to review.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.