

AGENDA

Academic Senate – Executive Committee

February 18, 2019, noon-1:30, ADM 167

1. Approval of meeting minutes of January 28 and February 4
2. Consent calendar
3. President's update
4. Senate seat replacement for General Unit (statement attached)
5. Referral on Senate committee quorum requirements (referral attached)
6. GE Task Force report – best methods of responding (report attached)
7. Honors Convocation
8. University updates
 - a. Statewide Senate
 - b. Chief Diversity Officer
 - c. Provost
 - d. VP Administration and Finance
 - e. VP Student Affairs
 - f. Associated Students
9. Policy committee updates
 - a. Professional Standards
 - b. Organization & Government
 - c. Curriculum & Research
 - d. Instruction & Student Affairs

Executive Committee Minutes
February 18, 2019
ADM 167, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Present: Frazier, Manzo, Peter, Ficke, Shifflett, Sullivan-Green, White, Marachi, Riley, Papazian, Faas, Wong(Lau), Day

Absent: Mathur, Lee

1. The Executive Committee approved the minutes of January 28, 2019. The minutes of February 4, 2019 were approved with amendments from Senator Shifflett.
2. Updates from the President:
 - a. The President and Chief of Staff are working on creating a taskforce with regard to “bullying” as requested by the Senate in SS-F18-5. The President anticipates it will be constituted and charged by March or April 2019.
 - b. The President is still not certain what she wants to do regarding the Area D policy (S19-1) sent to her for signature after the last Senate meeting on February 11, 2019.
 - c. The Strategic Plan is in its final stages. The President expressed her appreciation for the Senate’s endorsement of the Strategic Plan at the Senate meeting on February 11, 2019. The Strategic Planning Steering Committee meets this coming Monday, February 25, 2019.

Questions:

C: A member commented that it is important that the President work with the Strategic Planning Steering Committee throughout the life of the plan to ensure it stays on course.

3. Senator Matoush recently retired, and her seat in the General Unit expires and will be lost in May due to the seat calculations for this upcoming year. The Executive Committee approved a replacement for the rest of the semester. The Executive Committee also approved the appointment of the new senator to the Curriculum and Research Committee to replace Senator Matoush.
4. The Executive Committee discussed a referral on changing what constitutes a quorum on Senate committees. The committee discussed current methods in place to remove committee members that repeatedly miss meetings. The committee also discussed who is included in a quorum. Vacancies on the committee do not count in the quorum, nor do members appointed that have not yet attended their first meeting. A motion was made and seconded to table the item. The motion was approved with 1 Nay.

5. The Executive Committee discussed the GE Task Force Report. The ASCSU wants unified campus responses, but the timeframe is not clear. The Senate Chairs will produce a response letter and discuss it at their next meeting on April 11, 2019. The GE Task Force worked two years on the GE Report and the ASCSU will consider whether to endorse it. Concern was expressed that the report was prepared solely by faculty without administrator input. A comment was made that the Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Programs and Faculty Development was a member of the GE Taskforce. The committee agreed that an issue of this magnitude needs more than two months for a proper response, and that an appropriate committee should be formed to prepare this campus response. A motion was made to appoint the Senate Chair, Vice Chair, and Chair of the Curriculum and Research Committee to prepare a resolution for next steps (charge and membership of a special committee) for the next Executive Committee meeting on February 25, 2019. The motion was approved.
6. The Executive Committee discussed the Honors Convocation on May 3, 2019. The last amendment to the Honors policy that allows students to be eligible for honors each semester has resulted in so many honorees that they cannot fit in any building on campus for a ceremony. Therefore, the Provost has had to make a decision to honor only the President's Scholars. However, she encourages the Deans to honor the Dean's Scholars within each college. A member suggested having an award ceremony each semester instead of each year. The Provost's Office does not have the resources to do this each semester.
7. Title IX Update:
Title IX is not on hold in general. There are four individual cases on campus that are on hold that are student-on-student cases where there is no additional evidence other than each student's recollection.
8. The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

These minutes were taken and transcribed by the Senate Administrator, Eva Joice, on February 18, 2019. The minutes were edited by Chair Frazier on February 20, 2019 and approved by the Executive Committee on February 25, 2019.