

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, October 2, 2017

Present: D. Balson, W. Caniano, G. Giuliani (Chair), D. Goodman, E. Maccarrone. Simmons,

Absent: C. Ramirez, T. Shapiro

A. The September 6, 2017 minutes were unanimously approved.

B. Chairs Report

Prof. Giuliani convened the meeting by reporting that the committees are all hard at work. He also reported that the Midsemester Advisory has been set in place and an email will be going out tomorrow.

Caroline Schreiner reported that the Special Committee on Recruitment, Elections and Nominations (SCREAN) met on Friday to discuss ways we can better recruit, as well as different ways to hold elections rather than using Blackboard. Qualtrics, which is an online survey platform, was recommended. An email will be drafted to specific schools and divisions to nominate faculty to various committees. This email will come from George Giuliani and Terri Shapiro. No appointments were made at this time. Christopher Niedt, from the Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy & International Affairs, was elected as the new chair of the Library Committee and Courtney Selby, from the Maurice A. Deane School of Law, was elected to chair the Academic Computing Committee. The committee will meet again in December.

C. Discussion Items

1. Prof. Giuliani presented for discussion, an issue about Equifax. Debra Goodman, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that she had read that some employers routinely provide Equifax with employee information for credit purposes. Equifax had a huge information breach and consumers were affected. Because it is a credit checking group, people were affected who do not consider themselves customers of Equifax. This issue will be referred to the Planning and Budget Committee.
2. Prof. Giuliani presented for discussion, building security. Prof. Goodman reported that there was a discussion at a School of Education meeting, about security and Public Safety. One security issue had been that some of the classrooms do not have cell phone service and/or wifi, which may become a problem during a crisis because a person may not be able to reach somebody or receive the Campus Alert Notification Network (CANN) notifications. This issue will be referred to the Planning and Budget Committee.

D. Action Item

1. Prof. Giuliani presented for action, the Repeat Course Option & Academic Dishonesty. Marc Silver, chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee has dealt with this issue now for a couple of years. It was first brought to the committee by the Honor's Board for clarification on the language in the bulletin concerning the "grade forgiveness" portion of the Repeat Course Option. There was

concern on the part of the Honor's Board that the original language was ambiguous. The last sentence of the option reads:

GPA exceptions will not be allowed when a grade in that course was given for academic dishonesty.

The committee was asked to clarify what it actually meant. In the discussion with representatives from the Honor Board and others, there was a concern that they are trying to encourage faculty to buy into reporting acts and they were concerned that a very straight forward interpretation of that language would discourage faculty from reporting. In the context of this discussion, the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee tried to accommodate buy creating language that left it up to the faculty's discretion whether to restrict students' ability to invoke the GPA exception to the Repeat Course Option. The proposal was returned to the Senate and UAAC by the Provost. A subsequent proposal from UAAC provided less ambiguous wording for the bulletin copy. The committee changed the last line to:

*GPA exceptions will not be allowed when any grade for an assignment and/or the **final** grade in that course was given for academic dishonesty.*

This proposal was also sent to the Senate Executive Committee and once again, returned to the committee. The committee then voted to reaffirm its support for its original proposal that gives discretion to the instructor whether to preclude or allow a student whose grade was affected by an act of academic dishonesty to invoke the GPA exception as specified in the Repeat Course Option.

A discussion followed and it was decided to allow the Provost and Terri Shapiro, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, to review the amended document and bring it back to the Senate Executive Committee.

E. New Business

Debra Goodman reported that faculty received a notice about eligibility of faculty to have a load reduction and the when she asked her chair for how the load reduction was being distributed she said nobody in their faculty is eligible because it is for junior faculty. Prof. Goodman said she looked at the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and it says:

CBA 6.19 (a) All full-time faculty tenured as of September 1, 2013, who have not filed an irrevocable agreement to terminate employment shall be eligible to apply for the load reduction.

The Provost reported this should come to Senior Vice Provost Shapiro. The Provost also reported that Prof. Goodman should go to her dean and explain that someone is misinterpreting the CBA.

F. Committee Reports

1. William Caniano, chair of the Planning and Budget Committee, reported that the committee will meet on October 9 and will also meet again on October 20, to which Provost Simmons will address the committee. The committee will also be discussing the missing handicapped spots behind the Monroe Lecture Hall that was previously mentioned at the last Senate Executive Committee meeting. He reported that he, along with Dom Lavin, Director of Campus Operations, walked the perimeter of the construction and came up with what they hoped was the best option. They will be putting three handicapped spots behind Starr Hall. A discussion followed. Prof. Caniano also reported that there is a website available that librarians use and he would like to create a website that will include Planning and Budget Committee agendas going back a year so anyone new to the committee can go back and look at them at their leisure. The website can be locked down to a password so it is private.
2. Debra Goodman, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee met last Monday and they mainly had reports from Graduate Admissions and she learned that we lost some number of international students, due to their visas being denied. She also reported that there was a Graduate Student Orientation which went well. The committee brainstormed what they will work on this year, beginning with the Graduate Bulletin as well as how it is laid out on the website. Prof. Goodman reported that she has been attending Graduate Director's meetings
3. Marc Silver, chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee is meeting next week. The only active issue on their agenda is the status of UNIV 001 for students who are on probation.
4. There was no report for the Student Affairs Committee.
5. Donna Balson, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that the committee will have its first meeting on Friday. They will start to look into transferring Course and Teacher Ratings (CTR) from paper format to online. The committee will also create a template for the promotion process online. She reported that there has been a request from Stuart Bass, Speaker of the Faculty, to create a Deputy Speaker position.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.