

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, March 1, 2021

Present: M. Abraham, H. Berliner, K. Boston-Hill, C. Burnett, W. Caniano, K. Dimes, C. Eliot, M. Heiss, K. Lotier

A. The minutes of the February 1, 2021 were unanimously approved.

B. Action Item

Prof. Caniano presented for action, a survey from the Environmental Priorities Committee. Craig Burnett, chair of the Planning and Budget Committee, reported that the survey was presented to the Planning and Budget Committee and they made suggestions to which the new survey reflects. The purpose for this survey is for information gathering rather than assessment. Kristopher Lotier, chair of the Environmental Priorities Committee, reported that this survey was presented to the Senate Executive Committee back in fall 2019, and since COVID-19, some of the questions that had been approved have become functionally obsolete. The committee took the previous version of the survey and revised the language to fit more with the current state of the world that we are in. He also reported that the purpose of the survey is to figure out what demand there is on campus, for certain initiatives and whether or not people are aware of initiatives that are already happening. A discussion followed and it was decided to give the Senate Executive Committee more time to review the survey before discussing it, since it probably will not get implemented until the fall. The item was tabled.

C. New Business

Michael Heiss, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee reported that his committee discussed the recognition initiatives discussed at the last SEC meeting, and the committee will create an ad-hoc committee to discuss the adjunct faculty recognition system. He will email a google doc to Caroline Schreiner to send out. A discussion followed about whether or not the ad-hoc committee should be limiting the discussion of technology usage, or can they open it up to innovation in the classroom.

D. Committee Reports

1. Kaylor Dimes, chair of the Student Affairs Committee, reported that she reached out to all of the governing bodies with regard to revision the SAC bylaws. Rocco Distefano is still working on his racial and equity training, and the SAC is creating an ad-hoc committee chaired by Mercedes Jasterzenski, and undergraduate senator who sits on the public safety committee at the university. They will focus on Shuttle issues, specifically developing an app which monitors shuttle service. Prof. Caniano reported that he spoke with Ms. Jasterzenski and they are in the process of populating the committee. A discussion followed.
2. Prof. Heiss, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that in addition to what he reported as new business, the committee discussed continuing education, and the role that

the FAC and faculty themselves will have in it, and concluded that they would like to see what the framework of the program is first, before the faculty had any kind of input. Specifically, they would like to have some input regarding the academic aspect of it. One question that was brought up was what kind of accreditation or certification would be coming out of the continuing education program.

3. Prof. Boston-Hill, chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee is still working on how the completion ratio is calculated as it relates to academic probation, and whether there can be some adjustment or consideration regarding completion ratios. They noticed there are a number of students who are on probation would get B's or better in their courses, but because of the actual completion ratio of credits, they would still be on academic probation and so forth. The committee is also thinking about looking into the badging process and whether or not it would be necessary at the undergraduate level. A discussion followed.
4. Prof. Burnett, chair of the Planning and Budget Committee reported that the committee would like to continue the discussion on creating an app for the bus schedule, and would like to invite Karen O'Callaghan, Director of Public Safety and Erika Schaub, Assistant Director of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management, to their meeting on March 15, and serve as a bridge for the ad-hoc committee chaired by Ms. Jasterzenski.
5. Prof. Eliot, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee reviewed all of the things that the department of Educational Technology is doing to support faculty with remote and electronic instruction. As previously reported, the committee is impressed with the way they are supporting faculty. The committee will look into exam security and looks forward to hearing from the subcommittee they created. The committee also continues to review graduate academic standards.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.