

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, April 26, 2021

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

Absent:

A. The minutes of the April 5, 2021 were unanimously approved.

B. Action Items

1. Prof. Caniano presented for action, the bylaws for the Special Committee for Educational Technology. This committee was created in April 2020 from the Academic Computing subcommittee of the Planning and Budget Committee and made into a Special committee of the University Senate, they needed to create bylaws. The item passed unanimously.
2. Prof. Caniano presented for action the appointment of new senators. They are as follows:
 - Patricia Welch, School of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts was appointed to the Faculty Affairs Committee.
 - Jessica Santangelo, School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, was appointed to the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee.

The appointments were unanimously approved.

C. Committee Reports

1. Prof. Heiss, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that the committee is establishing two subcommittees: One regarding adjunct recognition, and the other regarding innovation recognition. Their meetings will begin after the April 19 FAC meeting. He also reported that Karyn Valerius, chair of the Chairs' Caucus, was supposed to present to the FAC on May 4 about Digital Measurement, but recently canceled. The Provost suggested a special committee be created to take a look at the way we evaluate faculty.
2. Prof. Boston-Hill, chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee is meeting this week, therefore there is nothing new to report.
3. Prof. Burnett, chair of the Planning and Budget Committee reported that the committee met with Joseph Barkwill, Vice President for Facilities and Operations on March 15 about ongoing projects. The committee also had Erika Schaub, Assistant Director of Public Safety, Brian Ferris, Director of Enterprise Systems, and Kevin Pechin, Associate Director, Web and Mobile Development, at the meeting to discuss the Hofstra Shuttle app. Ultimately there is a nice working product there, and is available on the portal and through the Hofstra app. Part of the main issue that's been coming up from students is that the nighttime shuttles have been going off course and sort of acted like a point to point shuttle service, which some students have an issue with as they don't think that particularly safe. Prof. Burnett suggested putting in a GPS tracker that would notify Public Safety when the shuttle went significantly off the expected

course. Public Safety could then review with the appropriate driver as to why they did or did not do that. An ad-hoc committee was created by the Student Affairs Committee to further discuss the night shuttle service.

4. Prof. Eliot, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee is working with other bodies, including the Honor Board, to work on academic honesty for online testing. Suzanne Pike, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs is coordinating a new ad-hoc committee for this issue. The committee will continue to work on focus groups with representative graduate students, to figure out how graduate students might better be supported in their academic work. thinking about their needs for academic work.

Prof. Caniano reported as old business, the revisions to the Student Affairs Committee bylaws which were presented to the SEC in October but tabled for the committee to look into making this committee more undergraduate focused, and the possibility of creating a Graduate Student Affairs Committee. In December Kaylor Dimes, chair of the SAC, reported that the committee ultimately decided not to create a separate graduate committee. However, the revisions to the bylaws were never officially approved by the SEC, so he is bringing them back up for action. A discussion followed and the revisions passed unanimously.

Senior Vice Provost Abraham reported that language in the Faculty Policy Series needs to be systematically updated to change the pronouns “his/her” to “their” to make them more inclusive. The Provost reported that this is just a language change and does not have to go through shared governance.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.