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Minutes
Student Academic Policies Committee
February 12, 2021
Virtual, 12pm-1:15pm

Present:

Sharon Gratto (co-chair), Lee Dixon (co-chair), Joanna Abdallah, Fran Rice, John White, Philip Appiah-Kubi, Jay Janney, Catherine Kublik, Ali Carr-Chellman, Jennifer Dalton, Tom Skill

Excused:

Jacob Troutwine

Guest: None

New Business:

- Minutes (Catherine): approved minutes from meeting of 2-5-2021
- Met with Sam Dorf (Vice President of the Academic Senate) in response to the following request from Leslie Picca: *“One of the Academic Senate priorities for 2020-21 is to examine the Senate composition, particularly regarding having greater representation for full-time non-tenure track colleagues (who currently have 1 Senate representative). ECAS has engaged in multiple conversations about Senate representation, and we plan to devote a significant portion of the February 26th Senate meeting to discussing (not voting on) a proposed amendment to the Senate Constitution. At ECAS, we thought it might be helpful to have a quick conversation at the Senate committees (APC, FAC, SAPC) to get initial feedback from Senators before a proposal is shared on 2/26.”*
- Sam presented the rationale for including more full-time non-tenure track representation in the Academic Senate.
Sam showed the proposed plan for including more full-time non-tenure track representation in the Academic Senate and the recommendations from ECAS. We discussed in particular the potential distributive representation of FT NTT Faculty and the proposal that Senate Officers only be Tenured Faculty.

Reminder: The charge from ECAS is for the SAPC to have a recommendation report on SET ready for ECAS and then for the Academic Senate by mid-February; we would like to be able to submit our report to ECAS after this week’s meeting.