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APC Minutes
November 22, 2021

8 in favor
1 abstention

Committee Members: Phil Anloague (ex officio); Philip Appiah-Kubi; Deb Bickford (ex officio); Laurel Bird; Jenna Borrelli; Art Busch; Alison Carr-Chellman; Trevor Collier; Jennifer Dalton; Neomi DeAnda (chair); Greg Elvers; Harold Merriman; Jason Pierce; Dan Reyes; Sarah Webber

Guest: Sam Dorf

1. Approval of minutes from November 15, 2021. Accepted as written.
2. Conversation with Sam Dorf, Academic Senate President to discuss the following:
 - [Policy to Review Senate Composition](#)
 - [Procedures on Filling Senate Vacancies](#) (see DOC 2007-05 revisions as well)
 - [Repeal of DOC 2020-09](#) -- this is no longer needed because of new legislation passed (DOC 2022-01). It will be effective before we seat the new Senate reps when the three new lecturer reps join (April 29, 2022)
 - [Updated Constitution with *de minimis* changes](#) --
 - Will create permanent URLs
 - Consistency of use of “School of Education and Health Sciences” (not “School of Education”)
 - Updated logo
 - Updated numbering
 - Went through Senate parliamentarian on this
 - [Updating on DOC 2007-05](#)
 - Includes new policy on filling senate vacancies
 - Includes updates on number of senators throughout due to constitutional amendment
 - Removes unnecessary reminders from previous years
 - Includes provisions to comply with the constitution to ensure only faculty with tenure serve as officers of the Senate and a provision if there are fewer than three tenured-members on ECAS.
 - Includes a clarification on length of terms for sabbatical replacements to ECAS
 - Includes update to election schedule for members of ECAS due to constitutional amendment.
 - Includes new appendices:

- A. Timeline for Reviewing and Reassessing Programs and Policies
 - B. Schedule for Appointing ECAS Representatives to Committees and Boards
- Changing number of senators throughout document (from 39 to 41)
- Add FT-NTT member to the cycle for ECAS
- Assess composition of Senate on a regular basis-- every 10 years, take a look at the number of students, faculty, and determine if changes need to be made or not; make recommendations to ECAS
 - Does it make sense to wait until 2029 to do this, or should it start earlier? We did this work in 2020, and are asking Senate to do it in 2030.
 - Compositionally, we looked at balance (in 2019), and each Senate represents about 3.5% of faculty. The current distribution of tenure line faculty is pretty much the same representation as it was ten years ago-- so we haven't made changes to that.
 - Should the work start now for 2030? No-- beginning in 2030, we should start looking at this. It won't be a process lasting ten years every ten years. There was a suggestion that it be phrased differently to clarify this-- something like "If composition to the Senate is not altered in ten years, then it should be revisited."
- The filling of vacancies-- proposed
 - In the event of vacancies to the Academic Senate and no one on the "bench," what should be done? In the event that there are no willing people remaining in the pool, there will be a special election. If there are no nominees the seat will be vacant until the next semester or the next regular election. There will be only one special election per seat to fill a vacant senate seat.
 - It was suggested to add a phrase like "In order to maintain the democratic nature of academic governance..." to explain the rationale behind this change
 - The policy will reside within DOC 2007-05 (policies and procedures of the Academic Senate, sec. II, C.)
 - If someone is not able to serve their entire term (including for one semester), they should be replaced for the semester (or year)
- Develop systems to ensure the Senate regularly reviews programs and policies and makes appointments to committees in DOC 2007-05. They are developing a timeline for reviewing and revising policies.
 - This would include a schedule for appointing ECAS reps to committees and boards

- These will all be brought to the Senate in January, and voted upon in February