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FAC Minutes
29 November 2021
2:30-4:00pm RL 215 and via Zoom

1. Attendance: Jon Fulkerson, Camryn Justice, Carissa Krane, Sayeh Meisami, Grant Neeley, Carolyn Phelps, Margaret Pinnell, Andrew Sarangan, Kathy Webb, Andrea Wells, Mary Ziskin

Excused: Carlos Bernal, Camryn Justice, Katherine Kohnen

Guest: Sam Dorf

2. Minutes from November 8, 2021 were approved.
3. Sam Dorf presented a discussion of the following. Slides were included. Sam is also presenting this information to APC and SAPC in advance of discussions with ECAS. The plan is to move these documents forward for discussion and vote by the Academic Senate in January or February of 2022.

- [Policy to Review Senate Composition](#)
- [Procedures on Filling Senate Vacancies](#) (see DOC 2007-05 revisions as well)
- [Repeal of DOC 2020-09](#)
- [Updated Constitution with *de minimis* changes](#)
- [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

4. FAC members discussed the proposed revisions:

Officer discussion:

If there are only 3 tenured members of ECAS, do they have to serve as officers?

Can FT NTT faculty hold an officer position?

Suggested change to the text: "If the officer positions of vice president and/or secretary cannot be filled with tenured faculty, tenure-track faculty may be elected to fill these positions."

Review of senate composition:

Suggestion was made to change “should” to “will form a working group”

Appendices:

FAC members discussed the length of term for ECAS appointments.

Should it be a 1 or 2 year term? A suggestion was made to explore the need for continuity on certain committees as a determining factor as to who might be chosen to serve (2 year term).

Are there other committees that ECAS members need to be appointed to? Are there other committees that ECAS needs to approve appointments to?

CAP-L? Other committees?

It was suggested that a column be added to the appendices about committee appointments to indicate who is eligible to be appointed/serve. It was also suggested that “ECAS” be removed from the title of the appendix.

5. The UNRC call for CSIT working groups is live. FAC discussed some of the limitations to people accepting nominations and the UNRC call itself;
 - A. What is the anticipated workload during the academic year (This semester and in the spring) for each of the working groups (hours/week; timing in the semester)?
 - B. What is the anticipated workload for each working group over the summer (weeks/days/hours; timing--May/June, Full summer, etc.)?
 - C. Some individuals are being informed that they were peer-nominated for service on multiple working groups; others are being informed that they have been nominated for service, but not to any specific working group. This is leading to a reluctance in accepting the nomination if they are unsure as to what working group on which they will be asked to serve.
 - D. Some individuals are only interested in serving on certain working groups. Will their nomination acceptance mean they may be considered for other working groups for which they are not interested in serving?
 - E. What is the role of ECAS in this UNRC call process (if any)? Are the nominees moving through ECAS or from UNRC directly to Paul & Eric without ECAS review?

6. Action Item:
 - A. Carissa will email ECAS members of CSIT to request clarification on the UNRC call
 - B. FAC will plan to meet on Mon Dec 6 (pending approval of charge from ECAS).

Meeting adjourned, 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cairssa Krane