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APPROVED - SAPC Minutes 10 December 2021 - 2:30pm

In attendance Lee Dixon, Sharon Gratto, Jay Janney, Allison Kinney, Ryan McEwan, Grace Pierucci, Molly Kaye Sexton, Andy Slade, Tom Skill, John White, Sam Dorf (guest)

Regrets: Joanna Abdallah

Minutes were approved,

1. Minutes were approved.
2. Sam Dorf made a presentation 'Draft policies related to Senate governance and procedures'. Since the senate made constitutional changes, there are modifications needed to ensure coherence across the rest of the constitution. 3 changes.
 - a. Amendments (4 pieces of draft legislation). It deals with Doc 2022-01, Doc 2022-02, Doc 2022-03, and Doc 2007-05. (many changes occurred from amendments increasing size of FT-NTT members). Another change created some permanent URLs to documents. These are mostly cosmetic changes.
 - b. Senate Vacancies The Academic Senate elects ECAS, the officers must hold tenure (used to be tenure line). We can elect non-tenured if tenured are not available. We doubt it will happen often, but this provides a work-around if needed. There is a goal to limit a Dean's discretion to appoint (as opposed to elect) senators.
 - c. Cleaning up policies: "Regular census"; the Academic Senate wants to create a working group to periodically survey changes (every ten years, next one in 2030) in the university employment composition, to discern whether changes to the composition of the academic senate are required. If new academics are created in the meantime the reviews can be done sooner. What about AALI (professional staff who are not faculty). "The term academic community" may include professional staff, we need to take clear we are clear what that means. This language could lead to confusion. We debated this concern, but acknowledge it is a challenge. It is a forced redistricting, it's a call to review if anything significant has changed within ten years. Should it report to the senate or ECAS? Is the working group tasked with a check-in or a deep dive?
 - d. Develop systems senate regularly reviews programs, policies, making appointments to committees. This could include removing reminders from former documents, changing sabbatical requirements. These are not ready yet, but the goal is to make it easier to track, and easier to keep on top of those updates.
 - e. Concerns raised about the deadline to get the next SAPC report to the academic senate.

(At this point Jay needed to leave the meeting and Sharon Gratto continued with the summary.)

3. Following Sam Dorf's presentation, the meeting continued with a discussion about the December 6th Chairs Collaborative meeting. The points of view expressed at the meeting will serve to inform the preparation of the SAPC report on SET and Classroom Climate that is due to ECAS and the Senate soon after the first of the year. Sharon Gratto agreed to draft a document over break for everyone to review.

4. As final business, Lee presented the Academic Dishonesty policy statement that needs the Committee's review and approval before it can be moved forward to ECAS and the Senate. Everyone was asked to review the document introduction and to share approval or other comments with Lee prior to break if possible.

5. It was decided that there would be no meeting on December 17th. Committee members were reminded to complete the calendar survey to identify a spring semester meeting time. The meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.

Jay Janney & Sharon Gratto, recording clerks