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Approved Minutes
Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
January 14, 2021
8:00 am – 9:15 am
Zoom meeting

Present: Joanna Abdallah, Paul Benson, James Brill, Sam Dorf, Deo Eustace, Mark Jacobs, Carissa Krane, Leslie Picca, Jason Pierce, Fran Rice, Andrea Seielstad

Excused: Connie Bowman

Guests: Mary Ellen Dillon (FT-NTT faculty senator), Sean Falkowski (Faculty Board representative)

Opening

- Opening prayer / meditation – Sam Dorf
- Approval of minutes from 01/07/2021 ECAS meeting. Minutes approved.

Announcements

- Condolences were expressed for the passing of Connie's mother.
- President's Council updates. Updates included move-in and testing procedures and a reiteration of the concern for students' well-being. A mini-ice rink will be installed on Stuart field. Enrollment management gave an update on enrollment numbers for the Spring. There was a conversation about the university's response to the insurrection at the Capitol.

New Business

- Approve Agenda for January 22 Senate Meeting. ECAS voted to approve the agenda.
- Senate Composition Next Steps. Mary Ellen, Jason, Sam and Carissa agreed to serve on a writing group to review and compile feedback collected during the September 2020 Senate meeting. The group has been tasked to draft proposals based on the feedback and present them to ECAS at the January 28 meeting.
- January 25 ELC Agenda Items. Suggested topics for the ELC meeting include an update on enrollment for Spring Term and progress toward Fall 2021 admissions, and a discussion on the current financial outlook and planning for 2021-22. There will also be a discussion about ways the university can respond to the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol.
- Updates from Committees & Other Business? Carissa provided an update on the work of FAC. They are continuing their work on the UPT and have focused on DE&I; how to include in the review process and how to evaluate it. FAC has also discussed tenure; its definition, and at what level is it held—department, unit or university.
- e-Portfolios. Google Docs will continue to be the platform for e-portfolios for P&T for next year and possibly longer. Box is being evaluated by SBA as an alternative to Google Docs.

Old Business

Charges

Task	Assigned to	Work Due	Update
Univ P&T	FAC (8/28/20)	Jan.2021	Update provided; goal to ECAS by mid-February

Transfer Policy	APC (8/28/20)	Nov 2020	Report submitted
Transfer Policy/Military	APC (8/28/20)	Sept Nov. 2020	Report submitted
Academic Dishonesty	SAPC (9/11/20)	mid-Oct 2020	Report submitted
SET & bias	SAPC (9/11/20)	Feb 2021	

Priorities for Senate 2020-21

1. Pandemic/Budgetary Crisis & Shared Governance
2. Steps to Becoming an Anti-Racist University (focus on step #2 curricular/co-curricular)
3. *Senate Composition, especially increasing FT-NTT faculty reps
4. *University P&T policy (DOC 2006-10), plus evaluation of faculty--charged to FAC
5. SET & Mitigating Bias--charged to SAPC

* Requires a vote of Senate + all tenure-line faculty

Adjourned: 9:12 am

Respectfully submitted, Fran Rice