

## **SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, April 6, 2020**

**Remote Meeting - Teams | 4:00 p.m.**

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Anderson, Clinefelter, DeKrey, Feinstein, Fischer, Luger, Maxey, Murry, Schuttler, Senbet, Toewe

**Absent:**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

Approved without objection.

#### **Approval of the Minutes from March 23, 2020**

Approved without objection.

#### **Announcements**

Chair's Report (Luger) – No Report

#### **Senate Committee Reports**

Academic Policies (Toewe) – We are ready to discuss course purge at next Senate meeting.

Codification (Schuttler) – We will look at revisions to the tenure clock extension policy on Wednesday before Welfare.

Elections (Senbet) – The final slate of BCC nominees is ready: 28 positions, 27 with nominations. Ballots will be available Wednesday and close on April 15<sup>th</sup>. We will compile an operation manual for the election process.

Faculty Welfare (Luger) – We will bring to Senate on Monday the tenure clock extension policy amendment. Scholarly activity for some faculty members may be so disrupted by the pandemic as to potentially allow extension.

Salary Equity (Clinefelter) – We have nothing for next Senate meeting. We may be looking at the step back policy.

#### **Standing Reports**

Board of Trustees (Fischer) – No Report

President (Feinstein) – Thanks for your help with the S/U grading option. We are planning on hosting the Spring 2020 Commencement ceremony sometime next Fall and examining options for distributing commencement paraphernalia, cords, pins, etc.

Provost (Anderson) – Thanks for the robust conversation with Faculty Senate about the S/U grading option; we are working on a communication to campus. We will be online for the Summer term, consistent with most universities. We are thinking about contingencies for Fall and alternate course delivery options if we are unable to have face-to-face classes. The new UL Dean is Jennifer Nutevall, and the new Graduate School Dean & AVP of Research is Jeri-Anne Lyons. The EBS Dean search will resume next Fall. Although the new administrative search policy is not signed by the BOT yet, we will be asking for input from the Executive Committee regarding the search.

**DISCUSSION:** *Finalizing the S/U grading option for Spring 2020* - At first, we were considering only making the option available for classes that had to move to online delivery, but we will extend the option to all classes, even those originally scheduled to be online. Students' lives have been upended by the pandemic regardless of whether they were taking classes in person or online. Many schools are placing the deadline for grading option selection at the end of the term or even beyond when grades are due. Making a deadline after grades are due would allow students to see what their letter grade would be before making their final determination. This would give students the opportunity to see the GPA impact

without penalizing them and would especially be helpful for students on academic probation. Having a later deadline will help minimize complaints and appeals. The deadline for selection will be extended to May 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Good advising is key; we don't want students to make a knee jerk reaction that may disadvantage them.

MOTION: The Executive Committee endorses changes to the voluntary S/U Grading Option for Spring 2020 approved by Faculty Senate.

SECOND: Schuttler

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **New Business**

- All Faculty Meeting
  - Exploring what platform (Zoom v Teams) provides the best option for participant capacity and interactive capabilities.
  - Slated for Tuesday 4/21 from 4:00-5:00pm.
- Grievance Report from the President
  - President Feinstein presented his decision regarding a recent faculty grievance.

### **Comments to the Good of the Order**

Thanks to Dawit and Betsy for their work with the S/U grading option.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41pm.

Stan Luger  
Chair

Betsy Kienitz  
Recording Secretary