

## **SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, March 29, 2021**

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

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Anderson, DeKrey, Feinstein, Fischer, Greene, Levin, Luger, Maxey, Murry, Murza, Schuttler, 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 8, 2021

Approved without objection.

#### **Announcements**

Chair's Report (Levin)

- Christina Edwards asked for input on faculty participation in commencement ceremonies. We will ask her to share commencement updates at the next Senate meeting.

#### **Senate Committee Reports**

Academic Policies (Toewe) – There have been many committees (UGC, APC, etc.) discussing the development of a permanent S/U grading option, but the way forward is not clear.

Toewe asked for members' thoughts on how to proceed.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

- A permanent policy would be much narrower in scope than the emergency S/U options approved during the pandemic. The parameters/limitations must be carefully considered.
- There are no formal steps; it is at the committees' discretion whether to take up the issue.

Codification (Schuttler) – We may have time to begin work on a template for policies this week.

Elections (Murza) – We have eight newly elected Senators. The call for BCC nominations is open, and the deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Faculty Welfare (Luger) – We had a productive conversation with Feinstein about the proposal for triennial review at the last Welfare meeting. Luger met with Satriana to work on the document, and Welfare will continue work at the meeting this week. There is progress on clarifying the guidelines for promotion from instructor to assistant professor. Both the Annual/Biennial/Triennial Review and Promotion updates may be ready for Senate before the end of the semester.

Salary Equity (Greene) – We are working on compensation identity and plan to bring a recommendation for salary pool distribution to Senate on 4/19.

#### **Standing Reports**

Board of Trustees (Fischer) – No Report.

President (Feinstein) – Our continued efforts to lobby for increased State funding for higher education are looking successful; we have made incredible progress in working with the JBC. We will know for certain once the long bill is finalized.

Provost (Anderson) – The NHS Dean will be announced later this week. We are working in Academic Affairs to finish comprehensive reviews.

#### **Unfinished Business**

#### **New Business**

- **Spring reception**

- Levin asked for thoughts/ideas on holding a Spring reception for Faculty Senate.
  - Usually held after the conclusion of the final Senate meeting
  - Perhaps an outdoor gathering this year
  - Certificates for outgoing Senators and, if the Chair is not continuing, a gavel for the departing Senate Chair
- Levin will look into options.

- **Committee assignments**

- Senate committee chairs are elected at the last meeting of the Spring term.
  - It is important that chairs are elected before the end of the semester.
- Committee appointments typically happen at the Senate Retreat in August.
- We could invite new Senators to attend the last meetings of the year to become more familiarized and give them an opportunity to run for officer positions.

- **All Faculty meeting**

- Proposed time and date: Thursday 4/22 at 4:00pm.
  - A budget townhall will be held that preceding Tuesday.
- We will check to ensure schedule availability for the President and Provost.

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

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49pm.

Oscar Levin  
Chair

Betsy Kienitz  
Recording Secretary