

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MONDAY, March 7, 2022

UC Spruce A | 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Fischer, Greene, Kyle, Levin, Maxey, Schuttler, Senbet, Vollendorf, Wiegand

Absent: Feinstein, Luger, Vaughan

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.

Approval of the Agenda

Approved without objection.

Approval of the Minutes from February 21, 2022

Additional sentence requested; approval to occur at a subsequent meeting.

Announcements

Chair's Report (Levin) – Deans are interested in revising the curriculum approval process;

Vaughan and I will meet to discuss/examine the curriculum approval process broadly to see what improvements might be made.

Academic Covid Responsiveness Group Report (Senbet & Vaughan) - UNC's Covid website has been updated to reflect the latest policies. Cases on campus continue to be low.

DISCUSSION: *Members discussed campus reactions to ending the mask mandate.*

Senate Committee Reports

Academic Policies (Vaughan) – APC is reviewing their section of the Faculty Senate bylaws.

The revised posthumous degrees proposal will be presented at the next Senate meeting.

Codification (Schuttler) – We will continue work on Faculty Senate bylaws.

Elections (Kyle) – The Faculty Senate slate of nominees is available; ballots will be distributed March 11th.

Faculty Welfare (Senbet) – We will review Codification's recommendations for the chair/director policies.

Salary Equity (Greene) – The Salary Equity committee is developing a distribution model for the 2-3% salary pool. The President's recent message to campus mentioned "across-the-board" increases; however, Salary Equity has not yet finalized a recommendation.

Standing Reports

Board of Trustees (Fischer) – No Report.

President (Feinstein) – No Report.

Provost (Vollendorf) –

- The HSS dean search has launched, and the associate provost search is ongoing.
- HB 1330: The State is asking four-year institutions to grant associate degrees to students who have stopped/dropped out of their four-year programs. The recommendation is that institutions review students' records from the past ten years to find any who meet minimum distribution requirements and award associate degrees to them. Vollendorf is part of a working group discussing how to implement this program. The program may launch as early as next academic year.

DISCUSSION:

- The associate degrees to be awarded (likely Associate of General Studies degrees) are not subject to State general education requirements (like AA/AS degrees).
- Institutions would not be allowed to advertise the associate degree option; the award of these degrees would occur after students stop pursuing their programs.

- This program is different than a *Credential As You Go* structure whereby students earn an AS/AA on their way to completing their BS/BA.

Unfinished Business

- **Faculty Senate bylaws**

- The committee continued review of the bylaws.
- Members agreed to remove the overlap of duties between the committees where appropriate. Committees will discuss what to keep/remove from their sections.
 - APC and Faculty Welfare – faculty evaluation, reduction in force, professional ethics, etc.
 - Faculty Welfare and Salary Equity – benefits, insurance, etc.
- Amend section B. of the FSEC article as follows:
 - The chair of the Senate shall represent the Senate on the advisory committees of the CAO and President.
 - The Senate chair may appoint a designee with approval of the CAO or President.
- Amend the corresponding APC and Faculty Welfare sections to say the chairs of those committees will serve on the advisory committees of the CAO where the Senate is not already represented by the Senate chair.

New Business

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59pm.

Oscar Levin
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary