

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Billesbach, Buan, Dawes, Eklund, Franco Cruz, Gay, Kolbe, Krehbiel, Minter, Weissling, Woodman

Absent: Dam, Hanrahan

Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Location: Zoom meeting

Note: These are not verbatim minutes. They are a summary of the discussions at the Executive Committee meeting as corrected by those participating.

1.0 Call (*Buan*)

Buan called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

No announcements were made.

3.0 Approval of April 21, 2020 Minutes

Buan asked if there were any further revisions to the minutes. Hearing none she asked for approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved.

4.0 Unfinished Business

4.1 Proposed Revisions to Regents Bylaws

Buan reported that now that the Faculty Senate has approved the new revisions to the Bylaws, the next step will be to ask the Chancellor for updates on the status of the changes as they progress to Central Administration.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Agenda Items for Chancellor Green, EVC Spiller, and VC Boehm

The Executive Committee identified the following agenda items for the administrators:

Chancellor Green

1. What metrics are being used to decide on the Level of university operations?
2. What types of personal protective equipment (PPE) will be available and where? Who is responsible for this?
3. What types of sanitation devices will be available and where?
4. Will vaccines to seasonal influenza be required, if not, why not?
5. Will testing for a) active infection of the SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 virus, and b) convalescent antibodies to the virus be available to students, staff and faculty?
6. How can the Senate help? Will there be Senate representation of the Forward for Fall committee?
7. Will there be Senate representation on the Budget Advisory Committee that will prioritize financial impacts of COVID?

EVC Spiller

8. Is it expected that Emergency policy actions (e.g. Attendance, P/NP policy) will need to be carried into the Fall? (If so, the Faculty Senate must approve).
9. How will social distancing be practiced on campus, in dormitories and commons like the Unions, dining halls, campus rec, in classrooms-studios-laboratories, at athletic events?
10. How will these recommendations/guidances/mandates be enforced?
11. How will domestic and international students be welcomed in early August? Orientation? Office assistance?
12. How is Administration coordinating with Colleges and Departments (and vice versa)? How can faculty participate in troubleshooting ways to solve boots-on-the-ground issues? Have Departments begun to develop concrete plans? When will we know units are ready for Fall?
13. Are funds available to help units plan for Fall? For instance to transition course delivery, provide PPE, etc?
14. There are issues with Follett Bookstore and the ability of Faculty to adjust to COVID. What are we doing to manage books and required course materials?
15. Is there guidance for pre-tenure faculty? Contract faculty?

VC Boehm

16. How is extension being supported in their work? What happens when county and university guidance/operations differ?

5.2 Review of Senate Meeting

Buan reported that the proposed changes to the Regents Bylaws to address the AAUP censure and the revisions to the Student Code of Conduct were approved by the Faculty Senate. She noted that ASUN was voting on the proposed changes on April 29th, and questioned what would happen should ASUN not approve the changes. Woodman stated that he anticipates that General Counsel will once again review the proposed changes to the Bylaws and will make revisions. He pointed out that the Executive Committee needs to be vigilant to make sure that the version of the Bylaws approved by the Senate is not edited at the Central Administration level.

Buan stated that the vote of the Senate on the Bylaws, along with a letter written by Hanrahan, Professor Schleck and Professor Falci, should help support the Chancellor as he presents the document to Central Administration. Billesbach asked if it would be advisable to invite someone from the General Counsel's office to speak to the Senate if the approved revisions are not accepted by General Counsel. Buan noted that AVC Walker worked with General Counsel on the revisions.

5.3 Continuing Problems with Follett Bookstore

Woodman reported that problems with Follett Bookstore continue, and he has not heard whether the Bookstore has hired someone to handle the textbook orders. Kolbe pointed out that faculty members are starting to make their decisions on textbooks for the fall and it is important that the problem with the Bookstore be addressed very soon.

5.4 Professional Code of Conduct

Minter reported that a draft of the Professional Code of Conduct will be given to the Executive Committee to review, and after the Committee has made suggestions the draft will be given to AVC Walker for recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Lorna Dawes, Secretary.