



**ACADEMIC SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
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11:30 AM - 12:50 PM

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Present: Bruschke, Dabirian, Fitch, Gradilla, Perez, Powers, Shahi, Stambough, Stohs

Absent: Rodriguez

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stohs called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

II. URGENT BUSINESS

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (Stohs) There will be Title IX changes coming. It doesn't seem like every campus yet, but campuses are refraining from moving forward. There are a lot of issues about this and no way to deal with it right now since we don't have anything from the Chancellor's office. More than likely it will have the impact of fewer people bringing charges.
 - (Powers) I'm a Student Conduct Hearing Officer and what some universities are doing is having outside professionals, companies, or groups to run both sides.
- (Stohs) A Senator has requested that we do something about the motorized scooters on campus.
 - (Bruschke) The issue is that generally Public Safety does not want to enforce the skateboard, bicycle, motorized scooter rules. I encouraged the Senator to have a meeting with the Chief of Police and it would not be bad if we had the chair of one of our committees to sit in on that meeting.
 - (Gradilla) The way that the campus is cut up because of the construction, you get stuck in a massive bottleneck of people and you do have the skateboarders and other people trying to get through as if there is open space and clearly we are sharing a smaller space and it does get a little treacherous. You are bumping into people even when you are not trying to bump into people.
 - (Dabirian) They are all students, so maybe the Dean of Students can send something to the students. Since it is a safety issue, maybe the police during the congestive times can enforce the rules.
 - (Bruschke) We should suggest that the senator get in touch with the CF&B chair and we should communicate with the CF&B chair suggesting a meeting with the Chief of Police.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 EC Minutes (Draft) 2-12-19 - *forthcoming*

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Following up on the issue of what ASI does to assist the students, at the moment they do not provide the same type of support like the athletes get. If there is a way that ASI can support the students more they will do that. Part of the issue is it's their money so I don't know how this works. Can they vote to support themselves? Maybe it's an Executive Order by the Director, I don't know. I also think ASI provides out of those funds a fair amount for athletics, so if they can do it for the athletics why can't they do it for themselves, but they are exploring that. I had invited Dave to meet with Exec last week, but given our schedule there just wasn't time, but we can have him if there is time later this semester.
- I have received many emails about the GE Task Force (GETF) Report. Last Thursday I attended the CSU Senate Chair's meeting and the GE Task Force Report was the major topic of the whole meeting. In the next two or three weeks we should deal with that more directly in terms of whether we should put some type of moratorium on for next year.

- (Bruschke) I think we should send our Statewide Senators back with a question, how do we give you feedback?
 - (Dabirian) I think the Chancellor will probably give us a timeline on this. Once we know the timeline, we can look at those things more closely.
 - (Stambough) I would encourage the statewide delegation to say no changes or clarification to the existing Executive Order while we go through this.
- AA/AS Retreat will be on March 22nd the topic will be the GE Task Force (GETF) Report. The retreat will be held at the Marriott.
- When I met with the Provost, she stated that some people that did not get Sabbaticals were not happy.
- (Bruschke) As a recruiting faculty work life issue, it can be very frustrating because we have 1 in 10 of our faculty who are eligible and about 70 percent of them apply and only half of them get it. So you can be eligible and apply for 4 or 5 years and not get it. It might be worth asking the Professional Leaves Committee should we take the people that are 7-9 years overdue and evaluate them different then first time applicants.
 - (Bruschke) We are only funding half and there are about 80 applications, which means every year we have 40 people who are now years past.
 - (Stohs) What we need is more sabbaticals.
 - (Fitch) The problem is people who are really good scholars and have really good projects are not getting funded, and they get so pissed at the university. Even if they stay here, they won't do another thing ever again and you turn a productive faculty member into an unproductive faculty member.
 - (Stambough) Talking to some of the faculty on the committee last year when I was AS chair, they had some issues. The committee would evaluate independently and put their rankings in before they would discuss them, but were told they could not change their rankings after the discussion. They were told that technologically they could not go back in.

VI. PROVOST REPORT - 12:30 PM

- The AA/AS Retreat. I will make my calendar work for the March 22nd date.

➤ Sabbaticals

We are required by the CBA to award 41 sabbaticals. The committee highly recommended 43, so instead of cutting two of the highly recommended out, I asked the budget person if we had the funding for two more.

There have been people that are unhappy and want a response, and my response is I understand they are unhappy and I am sympathetic, but I follow the procedures. The procedure is we have a 10 person committee and they voted on this. I can review the process but I will not be changing their decision.

Q: (Fitch) How many applied?

A: 78 applied.

Q: (Stohs) What if the committee would have said 60 were highly recommended?

A: Then I would have had to go through them because we could not afford 60. At that point I would have to take their rankings and take the groups we could afford and fund those.

Q: (Stambough) One of the procedural things, you mentioned they were individually scored. After they are individually scored and discussed, do they have the opportunity to adjust their scores based on the discussion?

A: I don't know, I would have to find out because I have never been on that committee. They do provide the standard deviation of their scores for each of the categories so that you can tell how much variation there was.

There is a wrong title in UPS 260.102 the Sabbatical Leaves policy. It references the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, but no one has that title anymore so we need to make sure to fix it.

➤ IRA

It was voted on by the committee. My procedure is it was voted by the committee, we approve it. I met with VP Eanes and she also approved it, so now it goes to the President for his signature.

Q: (Powers) Is it effective immediately?

A: It is for this semester only. The chair of the committee wanted to also include the single trip group, and I said that was fine. There will be conversation starting next year about this procedure and we will make a decision about it.

Q: (Stambough) Closely related, since you had success on the student fee issue. Right now from what I am hearing from a number of people who build study away or study abroad programs, there is confusion about whether or not miscellaneous course fee money can be used for those. So right now they are all on hold and the money can't be used for that. For some of the departments that were planning on doing some of that, now they have this large chunk of money they have to spend before the end of the year and they can't figure out what to do with it. Nobody knows if the rule is actually true or not, but we are apparently saying no until we get clarification and I wonder when we can get clarification that?

A: I believe it is true that you can't use it, but what money can you use has to be determined. I will check on that.

➤ GE

Tell me your conversation on GE.

- (Stohs) We basically agreed we would have a retreat in March and focus on the GE Task Force Report. The main goal would be to have some output from us, input to the ASCSU in terms of our campus's initial advice for taking that report and doing something with it. We still have the fall 2019 retreat scheduled for the second week of the semester and that presumably would still be on GE, so we might think of what we can do now where a follow-up in the fall would make sense.
- (Gradilla) We could make the spring retreat data driven, that way in the fall we can enact what are we seeing, what are the goals in GE, what funding, double counting, etc.
- (Stambough) The most immediate task for us is to use the Task Force Report that just came out, send it out to any interested party on campus and say this meeting is going to be about our reaction to it. We can try to structure some of that, so we definitely need answers to certain questions. The final product we need is a recommendation from our campus, probably through our own GE Task Force and working with others. Use all the information to produce a report that would come back to the Senate for debate, consideration, tweaking, endorsement on that would be ok. Out of the Statewide GE Task Force Report; we really like these things and we endorse them; here are some things we think can be done in a better way. It would be our campus response to the Task Force Report.
 - (Oliver) My concern is I think it is important that we do a real determination of what do we want GE to look like on this campus and that is different from what this is. I am hoping we can still have those conversations and we need them in smaller groups and then have a big conversation about it. As long as we understand this particular meeting isn't the final word on GE. What it is, is a simple response to a Task Force.
- (Bruschke) What we might think about doing is divide this up into sections. Maybe the first thing is we listen to data. The second thing might be to put down the things in the current Executive Orders that the Task Force Report says to do the opposite. The third section is setting all that aside identifying what we want our GE to be and then ultimately the GE Task Force needs to take on the task the Provost talked about.
- (Stohs) Assuming the retreat is on March 22nd, which is a month from now. It would be a good idea to have a few people to sit down to work this out. Do you have anyone from your office or someone else you want on the planning committee?

Suggestions:

Sue Swarat, Steve Stambough, Merri Lynn Casem, Brenda Bowser, Jessica Stern

VII. STAFF REPORT

➤ General Committee Membership

The Senate nominees need to be on the Academic Senate March agenda for approval for the spring election. We have sent emails out to the current memberships to see if anyone is stepping down and also asking those who have the ability to serve another term if they want to continue serving. We are giving faculty until Friday, February 22nd to respond. After Friday, we can begin to ask those faculty who have expressed interest to serve.

➤ Statement(s) of Opinion

If there are going to be statement of opinions on the spring election ballot, we need to get them onto the Academic Senate March 7th agenda. The pro/con statements also need to be completed for the questions.

Suggestions:

- A question about the Arboretum.
- A question about four week intercession.
 - (Stohs) Send suggestion for the question about the Arboretum to Shahin to compile and develop the question for Senate approval for the spring election.
 - (Nancy) We also need the pro/con statement for the questions.

➤ The election for the Senate seat for HHD is underway.

VIII. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

8.1 ASI Board [Stohs], T, 2-12-19, 1:15 - 3:45 PM, TSU Legislative Chambers

No report submitted.

8.2 Internships & Service Learning Committee [Bruschke], W, 2-13-19, 9:00 - 10:00AM, PLS-360

- Basically decided to stick with current UPS rather than pursue changes drafted by prior committees. Don't want to make changes to UPS if it damages existing internship programs; current UPS reasonably compliant with the EO. Decided not to enforce the 495 course numbering. Will work collaboratively with departments who have different liability needs rather than imposing a central requirement via UPS.
- Discussion about workload impacts and wanted to put together a report about the number of internships and how they are compensated.

8.3 University Advancement Committee [Stambough], W, 2-13-19, 9:00 - 10:00AM, CP-810

- The committee chair asked about the progress of sending the committee's survey to departments. The advancement office discussed the new Titan Pro Network/Titan Alumni App which is a form of LinkedIn for our students and graduates. Discussions included how to get as many Titans signed up for this as possible. Outreach to student clubs and departments is the next strategic move.
- We discussed the services offered by alumni relations as a tool-kit. Finally, we discussed the new pavers for the promenade.

➤ (Michael) Do we have a liaison to replace me on the Writing Efficiency committee?

- (Stohs) I can cover this Friday, the February 22nd meeting.
- (Stohs) Remind us about the March 15th meeting and if no one can cover we will just get minutes from the committee chair.
- (Dabirian) I can cover the April 19th meeting.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 Resolution for Provost Knutson Miller

(Stohs) James said the resolution is still in the works.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- 10.1 Revisions to UPS 410.115 Academic Credit Certificate Programs

This document will be added to the February 21st AS Agenda as a Consent Calendar Item.

- 10.2 Strategic Plan

1. Strategic Plan Spreadsheet

- 10.3 Native Land Resolution

- 10.4 Online Courses and Instructor Drops (discussion)

- 10.5 Free Speech (anti-Semitic acts)

- 10.6 On-line Reports to Committees

- 10.7 End of Semester Recognition Ceremonies (could we make them on Fridays so that students don't have to miss classes during the last three weeks of semester and lose points)

- 10.8 DIRC Cultural Center Coordinator

XI. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/P (Dabirian/Gradilla) Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.