



**ACADEMIC SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2022**

Approved 3-22-22

11:30 PM - 12:50 PM

LH-702

Present: Barros, Gradilla, Matz, Milligan, Sheehan, Stambough

Absent: Casem, Dabirian, Walsh

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stambough called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

II. URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent business.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (Sheehan) This Friday, Heather Denyer who is a professor of theatre, is putting on a play "What the Constitution Means to Me". I will send the link to everyone.
- (Matz) Tomorrow University Advancement will be having the Day of Giving, it starts at midnight.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/P (Barros/Matz) Motion to approve EC Minutes 2-15-22. Minutes approved.

- 4.1 EC Minutes 2-15-22
- 4.2 EC Minutes 2-22-22 *forthcoming*
- 4.3 EC Minutes 3-1-22 *forthcoming*

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- We are going to be asked to what to do about masks after March, the conventional wisdom is after we come back from spring break they will be optional. Think about it, because the President will ask us for our opinion or feedback.
 - (Barros) We had a resolution that mentioned not shaming people for wearing masks, it might be worth putting that back out.
- I'm going to take a first crack at questions for the upcoming interview for the avp of Academic Programs, we have three candidates we will be interviewing for the position. Alexandro will take the first crack at the questions for the avp of Student Success position, we have four candidates to interview for that position.

VI. STAFF REPORT

- We received three applications for the Outstanding Professor Award. The committee will be reviewing the applications and get their recommendation to the President.

VII. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

- 7.1 International Education Committee [Barros], W, 3-2-22, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, THall 1424
Meeting cancelled.
- 7.2 Information Technology Committee [Dabirian], F, 3-4-22, 10:00 - 11:00 AM, LH-702/Zoom
No report submitted.
- 7.3 Faculty Affairs Committee [Barros], F, 3-4-22, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, PLS-256/Zoom
 - The committee met on March 4. There was quorum. Most members attended via ZOOM and the others attended in person.

- The committee discussed the work of the subcommittee on UPS 210.001 - Recruitment and Appointment of Tenure-Track Faculty. The subcommittee will consult HR for compliance issues.
- The committee was updated on the status of UPS210.002 - Tenure and Promotion Personnel Standards. The meeting scheduled between the chairs of D&I and FAC to try and finalize the document had to be postponed. FAC is still concern about the workflow around revisions of university policies.
- FAC then revised UPS260.100 - Assigned Time for Exceptional Levels of Service to Students. The work consisted primarily of aligning policy with the new CBA. After revisions, the work was unanimously approved by FAC. Christine Scher plans to forward the proposed revised document to Academic Senate Executive committee.
- FAC then started to plan the work on UPS211.000 - Responsibilities of Departments and 211.100 Appointment of Department Chairs and Vice-Chairs. FAC anticipates the revision of these policies will take a few meetings

7.4 Curriculum Committee [Gradilla], F, 3-4-22, 12:00 - 2:00 PM, MH-141

- We discussed the new Honor's variable course topic (stand-up comedy and cancel culture). We were still struggling with Dr. Hanna Carbajal's syllabus in regards to the appropriate level of rigor for an upper-division course, for an honor's course and for a GE course (lifelong learning). Carbajal's understanding of equitable pedagogy was completely different than the majority of the UCC. We agreed that equitable pedagogy and rigor are NOT mutually exclusive. UCC was also told by Honors that being an honors course does not mean the material is harder or more rigorous--it just means exposing students to interdisciplinary experiences. UCC was surprised by that definition. We sent the syllabus back for more revisions.
- We discussed at length Dr. Nathan Carr's request to limit courses that are taught in languages other than English. UCC is concerned that bringing Carr to UCC to discuss this matter and to make claims that non-English languages should be defined as a jurisdiction may not yield any benefit to any parties involved. His meeting request came with talking points but sounded more like non-negotiable demands. We are currently working on the Academic Jurisdiction UPS and Carr's/MLL's narrow definitions do not fit what an academic jurisdiction is. UCC member Kevin Lambert did say that HSS or Senate or somewhere in some forum there needs to be a discussion about the place of the humanities in the curriculum including the question of FTES.
- We reviewed the new UPS request to create a new university requirement in American government. The big issue is figuring out for proposal stage--the flow of new curriculum for this university requirement. This new UPS should get a senate discussion (not a first reading but the new process of discussing up and coming UPS).
- We discussed the IT committee's request for reforming the course special process. IT recommends that experimental courses be offered in multiple sections and online. This breaks from the course special rule of only offering the class once per semester up to three times before having to propose it. The concern from Academic Programs is that you would be creating a very large pool of students who would need these new courses added to their major/minor TDA since specials or experimental courses are not approved as major courses yet. There was little support for allowing multiple sections of an experimental course. The feeling was that there is a process to move along in-demand cutting edge courses already which is the normal process.

7.5 Faculty Research Committee [Sheehan], T, 3-8-22, 9:00 - 10:00 AM, Zoom No report submitted.

Additional report:

- (Barros) The International Education Committee did not have a formal meeting, it was a last minute cancellation, but a few of us showed up and there an informal conversation about the students from Ukraine and Russia on campus. John's office mentioned they were reaching out and making sure people were in contact.
Q: (Stambough) Do you know if it's impacting what we have to do for any of the upcoming study abroad programs in other parts of Europe?
A: (Barros) At this point, nothing changes for the summer.
- (Barros) Faculty Affairs Committee wants to put out the resolution on workload again. The main ask for the resolution would be a task force to look into the supervision courses, how narrow that needs to be to be productive.

Q: (Barros) How would that procedurally work, would FAC just repeat the resolution and reintroduce it?

A: (Stambough) There are some things that might need to be tweaked on the resolution, the committee can submit the resolution and we will put it on the agenda. Since we have the working group, you might want to check into what the task force is supposed to be doing or if the working group should be expanded into a task force.

Q: (Barros) What is the specific task for the working group?

A: (Stambough) To try and figure out the what the whole thing means and to understand what we can and cannot do, because there was an audit report. And try to develop some guidelines, with the understanding that colleges still need to customize some things, because colleges are not the same. Guidelines on what's allowed, what are some of the principles that should guide the decisions for work assignments and how the workload is done. One of the things in terms of the audit that impacted very quickly was the definition of K2 courses.

Q: (Sheehan) Who is on the working group?

A: (Stambough) Provost Council, Dean Johnson, Mike Steele, Kristin Stang, Jon Brusckke, James Hussar, CFA representative, and myself.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 General Committee Senate Nominees

Executive committee continued working on names of faculty to ask to serve on the AS General Committee vacancies as the Senate Nominee. An email will be sent out to faculty asking them to serve. Once we receive an acceptance, the faculty member's name will be added to the consent calendar at the March 24th Academic Senate meeting for Senate approval.

8.2 Statement of Opinion

- (Stambough) Based on the feedback we received at the March 3rd AS meeting, was that enough? Do we need to ask anything? Even if we decide to pull the statement of opinion, I would like to do something with the conversation and feedback received.

Q: (Stambough) Do we have someone from the commencement committee come to the chair's meeting or a Senate meeting not for a presentation, but with some fundamental basics of how things have to be, but also show the areas that can be customized?

A: (Milligan) That might be a less threatening way. We can explain to them what it is that we would like to do and they can let us know the best way to do it.

(Stambough) I will talk with VP Saks and Todd Frandsen and we will discuss at next week's meeting.

8.3 Chancellor Resolution

(Stambough) We are waiting for Sarah Bauer to come to Exec to discuss.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Resolution on Improving Title IX Investigations in the California State University (CSU) System

9.2 Revisions to UPS 410.106 - Academic Standards for Graduate Degree Students

This document will be added to the next Academic Senate agenda for Senate approval.

9.3 Possible on Sabbatical Revisions (Discussion Item)

9.4 Academic Jurisdiction (Discussion Item)

(Gradilla) UCC ask that you all look at UPS 411.102, the document on jurisdiction. Think about what is jurisdiction, what is jurisdictional? We can think about how certain things belong to everybody as objects of study. We want to do away with the 1970's definition of how the university carved up territory and turf. We are trying to do a generous read of what is jurisdiction and what you can claim as a jurisdiction. This is the larger context of MLL's claim that they the jurisdiction of anything non-English language, which is too big and UCC feels that is not sustainable.

X. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/P (Matz/Barros) Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.