



**ACADEMIC SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES - SUMMER
AUGUST 7, 2018**

Approved 8-21-18

11:00 AM - 12:50 PM

PLN-120

Present: Brusckhe, Dabirian, Fitch, Kanel (for Gradilla), Perez, Rodriguez, Shahi, Stambough, Stohs,
Walicki (for Powers)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stohs called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

II. URGENT BUSINESS

- Special Election - General Committees (Senate Nominees need to appear on the Aug 30th agenda)

Faculty Personnel Committee

- COMM (1 year term replacing Robert Gass)
- ARTS (2 year term replacing Pamela Madsen)

Suggestion: Chris Peterson (ARTS)

Faculty Research Committee

- EDUC (1 year term replacing Debra Cote)

Chair Stohs will send an email to the department chairs for suggestions to fill vacancies.

Suggestion: Include Deans and Associate Deans on the email.

- Constitution Committee
- University Extended Education (New name: Extension and International Programs) and L/A/C/E Constituency revised in Bylaws
 - Committee Membership

Kristi Kanel (HHD) and Ken Walicki (ARTS) volunteered to serve, their names will be added to the Consent Calendar on the August 30th AS Agenda.

- Planning Team for the AS Fall Retreat
- AVP, College & Program Development Search Committee
- James Rodriguez volunteered to serve as the Senate Chair's designee.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Stohs) Concert Under the Stars will be on September 29th, let me know if you would be interested in attending if we get a table for the Executive Committee.

Suggestion:

(Dabirian) Ask the Provost to donate the table for the Executive Committee.

IV. TIMES APPROXIMATE

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

Subject: Meet and Greet with President Virjee

President Virjee stated we will have a fun, exciting, and busy year. A few of the items we will be working on this year are:

- Completing the Strategic Plan
 - Graduation Initiative 2025
 - WASC Reaccreditation
 - The Master Plan
 - Kicking off a new Philanthropic Campaign
- President Virjee stated we are changing up Convocation this year and it should be fun, interesting and enjoyable. Convocation will be a university event for students and faculty together, focusing on getting the new faculty and our new students there.
- Q: (Stohs) Can the Executive Committee do anything to help with the Convocation or the Big 5?
A: (Virjee) Faculty representation is needed on the Convocation Committee.
- We have completed a lot of work on the north side of the library that I hope the students will be excited about.
- The WASC report has been out for feedback and we received more feedback. The report will be going out again.
- We have goals and objectives to achieve for GI 2025. I feel we need a positive momentum going forward to address these things, but a framework that is broad enough to allow for flexibility within departments and with the colleges of how we are going to get there. We will be looking at what will move the needle forward for us in a positive way without sacrificing quality. The system came back with its allocation of the new revenues that came with the budget, \$75 million was allocated for GI 2025. How they allocated that money was they gave a base allocation to every campus, which was the majority of it. Then they did three factors for enhancing that allocation 1) taking trek redirects from other campuses; the campuses that took more redirects received additional funding based upon those redirects, 2) Pell eligibility, and 3) the increase in average student load. The campuses that had done work to increase their average student load received money. We lost about \$2 million as a result of not moving the needle more towards increasing average student load. We can do more to facilitate

Q&A:

Q: (Stohs) We talked a little about some kind of a child separation letter or resolution. I think it would be a good idea for someone from your office and maybe James Rodriguez or Michael Perez and a student work on that. Could we do that this fall?

A: (Virjee) I am not only comfortable, but enthusiastic about drafting a letter that is student centered that focuses on supporting our DACA students, our students from underserved communities, and supporting them and their families to the extent they are affected by this. I want to avoid us just writing a political letter for political purposes. I'm worried that we have only so much capital, so we want to use it carefully. I would like to see that come from the Senate, Executive Committee, and ASI. Maybe talk to the Unions to see if they would like to sign on, a community letter would be great.

Q: (Stohs) The last issue is with the Strategic Plan, I think that is a big issue for campus. We have discussed this in detail and what we are hoping is the Strategic Plan could go to the PRBC sometime early in the fall, simultaneously as it goes out to the whole to campus for comment. Then the Strategic Planning Committee could receive comments specifically from the PRBC and the campus at large, then take those comments, rewrite it, and then present it to the Academic Senate. Does that make sense to do it that way?

A: (Virjee) My concerns with the Strategic Plan and the paradigm in which we are dealing with this is we are late already. Number one, we are late already, it was supposed to be finished in June, now we are talking about it being finished in September and we need this for our WASC accreditation. If this is going to be a five-year Strategic Plan and 2018-19 is the first year of the plan, we need it in place so we can begin working within the confines of that plan. Second, we have done lots and lots of sharing and vetting of the Strategic Plan, it has come to the Executive Committee five or six times, we have held Town Halls and opportunities with 60 different constituent groups. We sent it out for evaluations and it came to the Academic Senate for review.

There has to be an end game for ending it and having it complete. I want as much feedback as we can and it will be open for electronic feedback from September 6-14th. If PRBC wants to look at it during that timeframe and provide feedback during that timeframe that goes back to the committee, they can do that. Any group, college or department that wants to provide feedback can do so during that timeframe.

I would ask that we focus as much of the feedback on the strategies that are in the plan as opposed to the goals and objectives because the goals and objectives have been through the vetting process and have been revised. The strategies will be new, so people should take a look at them.

I would prefer for it to come as a presentation for the Academic Senate to receive it, but not for further debate, discussion, and review because then we will be right back to continuing the process.

Q: (Stohs) The implementation of the Strategic Plan will be a big issue. Will the Strategic Planning Committee continue that or will there be a new committee?

A: (Virjee) In regards to the implementation, the plan will only work if it is implemented. The implementation will require the participation and the careful consideration of everyone on this campus especially the Academic Senate and faculty because they have to be involved in that process. This is going to be a plan that we are going to live with for the five years and it is a framework, but the strategies underneath each of these goals and sets of objectives are living documents. Whatever the strategies might say at the time we are announcing them, some of the strategies will work and with some of them, it will be pretty obvious when we try to implement them that they won't work. Other things will come up and there will be new strategies that will require input, collaboration, cooperation with the Academic Senate, faculty, staff, and students. This is going to be an organic ongoing process with the goals and objectives leading it and the strategies as the implementation process. I expect us all to be constantly looking at the strategies and coming up with new ones. How we are going to orchestrate that is a good question that we will have to think about.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 EC Minutes 7-10-18 (Draft)

M/S/P (Dabirian/ Fitch) Minutes were passed as amended.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

VII. STAFF REPORT

No report.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Update on Executive Orders (Summer Ad Hoc Committee)

(Bruschke) Our final meeting is tomorrow. We had a breakthrough and I believe we had some consensus on the way to respond. This only deals with the elimination of the C3 Category.

- (Stohs) This is an ad hoc committee and the idea is their suggestion/proposal would go to the GE Committee in the fall and they would have to act on it.
- (Stambough) We need to make sure it becomes the first item of new business, so it will not get stuck in committee.

8.2 Class Sizes

(Stohs) We will revisit this in the fall.

(Stambough) The issue that was brought up to me was where there is vagueness within the CBA. Who adds the extra structure regulation? Is it at the department, college, or the university level?

8.3 Continue Faculty Committee Assignments for Standing Committees/Misc. Boards/Committee, 2018-2019.

(Stohs) We are making progress on filling the vacancies. I have sent out emails to the department chairs which seem to help a lot.

Suggestion:

(Fitch) Review the structure of the Senate Forum.

8.4 Child Separation Statement

(Stohs) I think we should try to create a committee of 4-5 people (from President's office, Senate, and Student Affairs). I will work on this.

- (Dabirian) Send a letter to all our students the first or second week of school so they know they have our support.
- (Stambough) Reach out to the Provost and VP Eanes to identify someone to work on this.

James Rodriguez volunteered to represent Exec on the committee.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Academic Senate Parliamentarian AY 2018-19

Suggestion: Jack Bedell

9.2 Physical Master Plan Steering Committee

(Stohs) I spoke with VP Kim and we can have two people on the committee.

Suggestions:

- Shahin Shahi will represent Exec on the Steering Committee.
- (Dabirian) The chair of CF&B should be on the Steering Committee, this will provide us with a link between CF&B and the Steering Committee.

9.3 Orientation for Committee Chairs [A Friday in September, an AM /PM session]

(Stohs) I will work on this.

9.4 Setting Goals and Priorities for Academic Senate 2018-19

Suggestions:

- Tenure Density
- Governance Issue
- First Year Experience
- University 100
- Advisement
- Campus Free Speech

(Dabirian) Send me an email for the data you would like on student success and graduation rates and I will get it so we can look at it.

9.5 WASC/Strategic Plan

X. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/P (Dabirian/Kanel) Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.