

Senate Executive Committee
Minutes
Tuesday, 10 March 2020
SOL 2175
2:30 pm-4:30 pm

Present: Adams, Virgil; Ball, Isaiah; Beck, Erica; Bernal, Nicole; Buhl, Geoffrey; Delgado Hellesester, Miguel; Edwards, Jeannette; Evans-Taylor, Genevieve; Francois, Marie; Grier, Jeanne; Grzegorzcyk, Ivona; Miller, Jason; Patterson, Mark; Profant, Lorna; Ruiz, Sara; Say, Elizabeth; Wood, Greg; Yudelson, John.

1. Meeting Call to Order

Called to order at 2:36 pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Approval of the Minutes from February 18, 2020

4. Time Certain: 2:30pm President Beck

President Beck addressed the Senate Executive Committee on the (then) current status of the university's response to COVID-19. In her report, she highlighted two overarching guiding principles:

1. Health and safety
2. Students need to make progress in their educational programs

President Beck indicated that the public health crisis is managed locally, by the county, and that any decisions that the university makes will be in direct consultation with Ventura County Public Health.

President Beck indicated directives from the Chancellor's office:

1. Suspend all international and non-essential travel
2. Consider re-scheduling non-essential, non-time-sensitive events

We proceeded to discuss issues related to COVID-19 and the university's response, including

- Postponement of events and large gatherings
- Potential moves to, and preparedness for online instruction (required resources, workload issues, timelines, suspension time to prepare, intellectual property for online material developed)
- Cleanliness of campus areas
- Reporting xenophobic incidents to Title IX office

- Travel restrictions and impacts on searches
- Service learning courses, particularly ones requiring interaction with seniors and the community more broadly
- Study abroad (current and planned)
- Student housing
- Student employees
- Surveying student needs
- Financial aid impacts in case of disruptions
- Communication with students

5. Report from the Provost

Provost Say reminded the Senate Executive Committee of the (then) upcoming shared governance forum.

6. Report from Statewide Academic Senators

The Statewide Academic Senators indicated that the next meeting was still planned to take place, although virtual presence would be acceptable. Upon being asked about the status of the ethnic studies bill, they indicated it was shelved at this time.

7. Report from Student Government

Isiah Ball, Nicole Bernal and Sara Ruiz reported on:

- Recent lobbying trip to the state Capitol
- Unhappiness by multiple groups on campus with what they perceived to be the response from the faculty to AB 1460 and/or the Statewide Senate proposal related to AB 1460.

8. Report from the Academic Senate Chair

Chair Wood discussed three items:

- MPP Search Policy Revision Task Force. Asked to include Dr. Yao. The Committee agreed
- Survey on President Beck's evaluation still being open. There was a request for the Senate Executive Committee to run a survey and submit a summary of the results. We agreed this was not a task for the Committee
- Per our by-laws, the Academic Senate could not conduct business virtually

9. Continuing Business

a. SAPP Policy: Academic Dishonesty

We are adding appendix to the documents. The vote however is only on the policy, the appendix are only guidelines.

10. New Business

a. Shared Governance Forums

We proposed having a galley walk with all comments from previous session organized by overarching topic, and then move to table talk discussions of action items. It was suggested we add an online component for gathering additional feedback

b. Continuity of instruction/COVID-19

1. Contagious Disease Working Group

Vice Chair Miller indicated that he was working to get more faculty voices on this working group. He discussed voluntary tracking of travel, as well as FAQ resources

11. Senate Agenda Review for March 17, 2020

We agreed to scrap reports, announcements, and ItRQ from the Senate Agenda to make space for discussions about instructional continuity. We agreed to invite Jill Leafstedt and T&LI to help faculty prepare for a move to online teaching.

Adjourned at 4:41 pm