

Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting

Monday, December 4, 2023 -- 3:15pm

Members present: D. Smith, S. Forsythe, J. Shadoan, S. Eagle, M. Nee, Y. Kim, J. Shankweiler, E. Kondratieff, S. Bonis, M. McKerral, K. Atkinson, P. Todd, L. Elkind, D. Strunk

Guests: S. Spiller, J. Hammonds, R. Hale, Provost Fischer,

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A. Approve minutes of previous month's SEC Meeting:

1. [SEC Meeting Minutes, 11.6.23](#)

- Motion to approve: M. Nee | J. Shadoan | 11Yes 0No 0Abs

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Susan Eagle

- No report

2. Vice Chair - Doug Smith

- No report

3. Secretary - Dan Strunk

- No report

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Patricia Todd (Chair): (No Report)

2. [Budget and Finance, Eric Kondratieff \(Chair\): \(Report posted\)](#)

- Motion to include | 11Yes 0No 0Abs
- E. Kondratieff provided quick summary of report.

3. [Colonnade/General Education, Stacey Forsythe \(Chair\): \(Report posted\)](#)

- Motion to include | 11Yes 0No 0Abs
- S. Forsythe briefly discussed revision to policy on international experience which will be looked at in depth at next Colonnade meeting.

4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Landon Elkind (Chair): (No Report)

5. [Graduate Council, Sara Bonis \(Chair\): \(Report posted\)](#)

- Motion to include | 8Yes 0No 0Abs (graduate faculty only)
- S. Bonis gave brief summary of report.

a. [Action Item: Academic Policy Revision](#)

- Motion to include | 8Yes 0No 0Abs (graduate faculty only)
- S. Bonis described revision as adding another appeal level.

6. [Graduate Council Curriculum Committee, Whitley Stone \(Chair\) \(Report posted\)](#)

- Motion to include | 8Yes 0No 0Abs (graduate faculty only)

7. [Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shelia Flener \(Chair\): \(Report posted\)](#)

- Motion to include | 11Yes 0No 0Abs

a. [Action Item: Academic Policy Revision](#)

- Motion to include | 11Yes 0No 0Abs
- S. Flener described changes to include language focused on credit by exam and prior learning experience.

8. Faculty Handbook, Julie Shadoan (Chair): (No Report)

D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:

1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP)

2. Budget Executive Committee (BEC), Kirk Atkinson (Chair)

- Provost Fischer gave update on BEC as they met recently. Report expected for next meeting.

3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL)

4. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Molly Kerby (Chair)

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

- S. Spiller discussed upcoming Board of Regents meeting and commencement

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

- Provost Fischer discussed dean searches and search committee meetings, upcoming release of TopGrant winners, two new teaching awards, and professional development day.
- M. McKerral asked about student counseling center budgets mentioning the need for additional resources. M. Nee added that there was a significant backup in the counseling center making difficult for students to get timely care. Provost stated this was a problem at all colleges and he would look into our counseling center. S. Bonis mentioned other counseling opportunities for students of Talley Counseling and Psychology training clinic.

3. SGA President, Sam Kurtz

F. Old Business:

G. New Business:

- D. Strunk asked to discuss modality of faculty senate meetings citing difficulties with hybrid format. S. Bonis and M. McKerral supports in person only meetings. J. Shadoan stated use of Zoom could be better citing her experience in hybrid format classes. L. Elkind and S. Forsythe emphasized that timing of meeting difficult for parents with small children. S. Forsythe mentioned changes to modality should be for next year instead of next semester. E. Kondratieff pointed out difficulties for those teaching until 3:40 on Thursdays. D. Strunk pointed out that only 4 faculty senators present at the last meeting had classes until 3:40 and two had classes scheduled during the meeting.
- Motion to have faculty senate vote on modality | D. Smith | M. McKerral | 10Yes 1No 1Abs

Motion to adjourn | L. Elkind | M. Mckerral