

Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2024 -- 3:15pm

Members Present: S. Eagle, D. Smith, D. Strunk, M. McKerral, P. Todd, J. Shadoan, E. Kondratieff, J. Shankweiler, M. Nee, S. Flener, S. Forsythe, S. Spiller, B. Fischer, T. Kim

Guests: J. Hammonds, R. Hale, M. Kerby, B. Laves

Copy of Agenda

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

1. SEC Meeting Minutes, 2.12.24

- Motion to Approve: J. Shadoan | E. Kondratieff; Motion carries (11-0-1)

B. Officer Reports

1. Chair - Susan Eagle

- No report

2. Vice Chair - Doug Smith

- Discussed at large senator elections timing and policies.

3. Secretary - Dan Strunk

- No report

C. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Academic Quality, Patricia Todd (Chair): (Report posted)

- Motion to include: P. Todd; motion carries (10-0-1)

2. Budget and Finance, Eric Kondratieff (Chair): (Report posted)

- Motion to include: E. Kondratieff; motion carries (12-0-1)
 - E. Kondratieff described the report calling it a "crappy little report".

3. Colonnade/General Education, Stacey Forsythe (Chair): (Report posted)

a. Colonnade Report; 2-6-24

- Motion to include: S. Forsythe; motion carries (12-0-1)

b. Colonnade Report; 3-5-24

- Motion to include: S. Forsythe; motion carries (12-0-1)

4. Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities, Landon Elkind (Chair): (Report posted)
 - Motion to include: L. Elkind; motion carries (12-0-1)
 - Workload policy to be reviewed this Friday and may return to next senate meeting if ready.

5. Graduate Council, Sara Bonis (Chair): (Report posted)
 - Motion to include: S. Bonis; motion carries (graduate faculty only; 7-0-0)

- a. Proposal to Revise a Graduate Academic Policy
 - Motion to include as *informational item first reading*: S. Bonis; motion carries (graduate faculty only; 7-0-0)
 - D. Smith stated that Senate Charter requires the item receive two readings and first reading is informational only. Motion was amended.
 - Significant discussion of interpretations of Senate Charter Section V: A, B, and C.
 - Motion to change inclusion to action item without two readings: L. Elkind | S. Bonis; motion carries (graduate faculty only; 5-1-1)

6. Graduate Council Curriculum Committee, Whitley Stone (Chair) (Report posted)
 - Motion to include: S. Bonis; motion carries (graduate faculty only; 8-0-0)

7. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Shelia Flener (Chair): (Report posted)
 - Motion to include: S. Flener; motion carries (12-0-1)

- a. UCC Bylaws
 - Motion to include as informational item first reading: S. Flener; no vote
 - Friendly amendment: Change from Sturgis to American Institute of Parliamentary Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure
 - Discussed changes to policies and what policies require additional readings as was discussed for graduate academic policy.
 - Motion to include as action item without additional reading: L. Elkind | D. Smith; motion carries (10-0-0)

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

- D. Other Committee/Organization Reports:
 1. American Association of University Professors (AAUP)
 - No report

 2. Budget Executive Committee (BEC), Kirk Atkinson (Chair)
 - No report

3. Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL)

- No report

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

- No report

E. Advisory Member Reports:

1. Faculty Regent, Shane Spiller

- Discussed March 1 quarterly meeting where two university distinguished professors were recognized. NCAA audit and money allocation to athletics was also discussed.

2. Provost, Robert "Bud" Fischer

- Discussed FY24 and FY 25 budgets. Also discussed Conference USA faculty award.

3. SGA President, Sam Kurtz

- Absent

F. Old Business:

1. Proposed Faculty Handbook Revision - Termination of Faculty

- Motion to include as action item on senate agenda: L. Elkind | M. McKerral; Motion carries (8-1-1)
 - It was pointed out that the motion was redundant considering the proposed revision was postponed in the full senate meeting and slated to return for March meeting.

G. New Business:

1. Marko Dumancic: presentation on AI to Faculty Senate

- Discussion of agenda item centered on if this type of presentation was right for senate meetings. It was suggested that an abstr
- Motion to invite Marko Dumancic to speak to full senate about AI for a period not to exceed 15 minutes: M. McKerral | S. Forsythe; Motion carries (5-4-1)

2. Proposed Revision, Senate Charter (Mac McKerral, proponent)

- Procedures of revising senate charter were discussed which includes requiring two readings and 2/3 vote. SEC provides recommendations to the full body.
- Motion to endorse and include charter change at senate meeting: M. McKerral | L. Elkind; Withdrawn
 - Friendly amendment to read " place and/or modality"
 - Friendly amendment to read "new and continuing senators"
- Discussion included concern related to difficulty of whole body assigning meeting times and dates for all committees, the effect it could have on elected senators as times could change, and directly conflicts with stated responsibility of executive committee according to charter.

3. Information item: New Policy 4.3000 Annual Development Policy, Andrea Sherrill

- No discussion

Motion to adjourn: S. Forsythe | M. McKerral (5:28 PM)