

Academic Senate – Executive Committee

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**Executive Committee Minutes**  
**October 16, 2017**  
**Noon – 1:30 p.m., ADM 167**

Present: Frazier, Shifflett, Wong(Lau), Manzo, Peter, Schultz-Krohn, Mathur, Lee, Van Selst, Papazian, Feinstein, Faas, Sullivan-Green

Absent: Riley, Willey

1. The minutes of October 2, 2017 were approved.
2. There was no dissent to the consent calendar of October 16, 2017.
3. Updates from the Administration:

a. From the President:

The President has been focused on the fires and helping our colleagues and students in the North Bay. Our faculty, staff, and students have been very supportive in offers of help. The President gave a shout-out to our former Dean of Humanities and the Arts, Dr. Lisa Vollendorf, who is now the Provost at Sonoma State. Dr. Vollendorf has been working very hard to find housing and provide emergency support for her campus despite being in danger of evacuation from her home. The latest news is that the fires may be contained by Friday. Sonoma State plans to open on Wednesday. Over 300 people lost their homes including the President of Sonoma State, Dr. Judy Sakaki.

The Vice President of Student Affairs search will begin soon. The President's Office will be sending out a call for nominations for members for the search committee.

The Wang Award announcement will go out soon.

Work is being done on a national level on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

b. From the Provost:

In order to diversify committees and add diversity of thought as well, the Provost is adding one additional faculty member to the search committees for the Dean of the College of Science and the Dean of the College of Education, which is in accordance with the new Search and Review of Administrators University Policy, S16-8.

The Provost recently returned from a 3-day event at the Chancellor's Office where they focused on the Graduation Initiative. There was also a meeting of all the VPs from Academic Affairs and Student Affairs to discuss ways they could work together more collaboratively.

c. From the Chief Diversity Officer (CDO):

Diversity refresher meetings have been held recently for faculty search committees.

Fast facts to market the campus have been posted on the CDO's website.

There will be anti-bias training for athletes this coming Wednesday (October 18, 2017).

The CDO is working on a strategic plan for her office.

The CDO is looking into free speech education seminars for the campus.

d. From the Vice President of Administration and Finance (VPAF):

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