

Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
Minutes of the Meeting of Aug 26, 2024
Clark 551, 12 p.m. to 1:30 pm

Present: Joshua Baur, Julia Curry, Vincent Del Casino, Kristin Dukes, Mari Fuentes Martin, Tabitha Hart, Ranko Heindl, Ariana Lacson, Shannon Rose Riley, Karthika Sasikumar, Laura Sullivan-Green, Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Hiu Yung Wong

Absent: Charlie Faas, Colleen Johnson

Minutes taken by Grace Barbieri

I. Update by Chair

- a. Sad news of one of our students passing away over the weekend. Our thoughts are with her friends and family.
- b. We will not be meeting next Monday because of the holiday. The following Monday is the full Senate meeting. The next Senate executive meeting will be the 16th.

We are trying to work fast to fill the steering committee and do not want it to be too big or small because of the tight timeline. We are working with AS President Ariana Lacson, to get student members and would love to have a member who can be a liaison for the Senate. The steering committee reports to Bob Lim who was directed by the President to create it. Stefan Frazier was chosen as one of the liaisons, and the committee suggested that another faculty member be included as well.

issue of where we draw the line on representation and how even if a person is from one religion or belief system, that does not mean we are getting the full range of each belief. You might want to discuss this issue with the Comparative Religion Studies department or the religious-themed FSAs and Student Organizations through Student Involvement. Be wary of the representative model because it might hinder the task force's goals. For student members, our student groups and organizations have faculty advisors so that you can reach out to them. You could try self-nominating or have others nominating as the Senate does for appointments to the task force. This makes it so you avoid hand-picking people, so more can be involved. Additionally, you could require a short statement explaining that they are there for the board, not just to represent me and mine.

Q: Do we have any data on religious affiliation?

A: There is no clear data; it's complicated.

Q: We have not figured out how they can disclose campus data by religion, representing our campus community with sensitivity in collecting data. We looked at the 2020 campus climate assessment, but there are only faculty and staff, not students. We do have self-identified student groups, but you might join those if you are not affiliated with that religion or belief. We don't collect data on certain categories, such as citizenship, that can severely affect people's lives.