

Executive Committee Minutes
January 13, 2014
Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Present: Heiden, Nance, Ng, Peter, Kimbarow, Frazier, Ayala, Kaufman, Feinstein, Gleixner, Qayoumi, Lessow-Hurley

Absent: Bibb, Von Till, Dukes

Guests: Poole

1. The committee approved the consent calendar.
2. The committee discussed the upcoming Senate General Elections for 2014. There will be 14 Senate seats up for election, including three 2-year seats. The Associate Vice Chair noted that although this seems excessive, one-third of all Senate seats are filled each year and this is in accordance with Senate bylaws.
3. The committee welcomed Interim Provost Andy Feinstein.
4. The committee discussed the Chancellor's appointment of the Campus Governance Review committee.
5. The committee discussed and made recommendations to the President regarding the Special Taskforce on Racial Discrimination. The fact-finding report should be completed by the end of this month, and will be made public as soon as it is finished.
6. The committee discussed the membership on the President's Diversity Commission.
7. The committee discussed the recent change to the policy on timely feedback for students on class assignments. There has been some confusion as what the definition of "timely feedback" and "reasonable amount of time" actually mean. The committee may consider asking I&SA to add "interpretive notes" if additional complaints are received.
8. The committee discussed pending searches and reviews for administrators including; the review of Dean Chin, and the searches for the Dean of IES, the AVP for the Center for Faculty Development, the Dean of the College of Social Sciences, and the Provost. President Qayoumi requested that the Senate Administrator prepare the Call for Nominations for the Provost Search committee to be sent out the day faculty return from break on Wednesday, January 23, 2014. The President would like to have a new Provost in place by this summer if possible.
9. The Senate Chair has received requests that the university's organization charts be updated to reflect all interim appointments. Chair Heiden and the Chief of Staff will work on this.

10. Senator Peter made a motion to reorder the Senate Agenda for the February 10, 2014 Senate meeting so that the GE policy is first in the rotation. The GE policy has been on the Senate Agenda since the October 2013 meeting. The Executive Committee voted and the motion was approved. The committee also discussed the

