

Executive Committee Minutes
July 19, 2021
via Zoom, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Present: Curry, Day, Del Casino, Hart, Faas, Massey, Mathur, McKee (Chair), Papazian, White, Kaur, Sasikumar, Sullivan-Green

Absent: Wong(Lau)

1. The Executive Committee approved the agenda (EC Agenda of July 19, 2021, EC Minutes of June 26, 2021) (10-0-3).
2. Update from the President:
There are lots of moving parts around vaccinations and masks and the Delta variant. There is a little bit of a disconnect between what the UC is doing and what came out of the Chancellor's Office. This all has to do with the emergency use authorization. At this point, we are encouraging everyone on campus (faculty, staff, and students) to get vaccinated, but we are not requiring it except in certain areas such as Athletics and for those students living in housing. We are much luckier than some other counties and states. The vaccination rate in Santa Clara County is close to 80%. There are surveys going out on the faculty/staff side as well as to students asking people to voluntarily indicate their status (vaccinated vs. not vaccinated). The student survey also allows for the upload of proof of vaccination. Right now we are following what Santa Clara County is doing, but this may change depending on what happens with the Delta variant and the county's response. We also want to make sure international students have access to get vaccinated here if they did not have access to be vaccinated where they came from. International students have to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival and we are helping them with what they need during this time. Staff will be returning more fully to campus on August 2, 2021. Faculty and students will be returning a few weeks later.

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) ruling by the federal judge on Friday is something that troubles all of us. It was heartening to see that the Biden administration plans on fighting this in court. It will take congressional action for this to be settled. We will continue to pressure to see a broader change.

We are watching the infrastructure package in congress. As you know the budget process in California is already completed and is moving forward. There still is a large two-part infrastructure package in congress. One part looks like it will go through the traditional way and the other through budget reconciliation. There may be funds in this package for public universities to support infrastructure costs. There is an interest for us in ensuring this happens. We have been pressing hard for it with our elected officials.

Finally, we launched our Learner Design Summit through the Lurie College of Education. It is all about partnerships with K-12, the community colleges, and the university. Lurie is focusing on removing systemic barriers by putting the learner at the center and really listening and hearing their ideas.

Questions:

Q: Do we have any numbers yet from the students self-reporting on the vaccination surveys?

A: We do. I will defer to VP Day. [VP Day] The numbers are looking good. Out of the 5,560 surveys that have been submitted, 5,345 students have been vaccinated. There are 138 that have medical, and 28

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Our swimming and diving team is 100% vaccinated. Our student athletes have responded well.

Q: Can you comment on any additional organizational changes you see coming up?

A: For the most part, the big organizational changes have taken place already. There may be some changes in particular divisions that still need to occur. [Provost] I don't see any major changes except for Honors. We do have to think about what the organization is going to look like in the future. We will start by looking at the strategic plan. We are currently in the middle of the master planning process.

Q: Is there any progress on the APID/A Center?

A: [VP Day] I have a meeting tomorrow about this. We are still working on what it will look like. [President] This is very important to me and we will get it up and going in the fall. We are also hiring someone full time to help with the curation and repatriation that comes with the new state law to recognize federally recognized tribes.

Q: What is our position on vaccinations from other countries that may not be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)?

A: We haven't said the vaccine can only be one of the three vaccines. However, we will help them get one of our vaccines if they choose to. This won't be a barrier. We are creating pathways for international students that haven't been able to get vaccinated to get into the vaccination process as quickly as possible upon arrival and after quarantine.

Q: Do international students have to be quarantined?

A: Yes, that is a Center for Disease Control (CDC) requirement. If you come into the U.S.

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that I have. The Honors group is meeting and coming up with ideas. There are two leadership searches right now. I hope to conclude the Dean of the Library search. We have three candidates. I believe the search committee is meeting today.

Questions:

Q: The Senate passed a policy in the last meeting about advising. I would like to know if you and the President have been able to look at it and possibly sign it? Also, could you elaborate a little more about the hiring of advising personnel?

A: I will readily admit that like everyone I really wanted a vacation and have just returned. The President and I meet today and will hash through a bunch of things. As far as advising, we want to start with the first year experience. We needed leadership in that space. We will also have a little bit of reorganization. Once we have leadership in place then we will start to look at where advisers should be, what makes sense, etc. That is where we are right now.

Q: My second question is about what the administration's stance and perspective is on AB 928 and what you think that will do to our general education?

A: For those of you that are not familiar, this is the general education bill that is set to require the community colleges, CSU and UC to have the same general education pattern. My position is that I don't want to go through that nightmare. I don't know if the momentum will be stoppable or what the timeline will look like. We know that the UC's first response will be that we have a perfect general education package, use ours. This will be a problem. I don't know what it is going to mean to be really honest. We now have a state law for the Ethnic Studies requirement. The community colleges are already having to do this because of the way we set our requirements. There are better ways to get transfer packages more efficient.

C: My question has come out of interactions I've had with Thalia Anagnos. We are being encouraged to look at our degree programs, including General Engineering, and plan for AB 928 now so we know what we are going to change. I found it very concerning that it sounds like this is a done deal as we are dealing with Area F changes.

C: [Chair McKee] This is a critical conversation and it is important to know how the university is going to respond to AB 928, but this is a conversation I can follow-up with the

