

Executive Committee Minutes
August 9, 2021
via Zoom, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Sasikumar

1. The Executive Committee approved the agenda (EC Agenda of August 9, 2021, EC Minutes of July 26, 2021, EC Minutes of August 2, 2021, Consent Calendar for August 9, 2021) (11-0-1).

2. Update from the President:

The focus of the cabinet is on the preparation for opening campus for fall next week. Much of information about opening the campus will be addressed in today's townhall.

that a lot of the decisions are based on local decision-making. We are staying in close touch with the local county officials. If there will be any changes, it will mostly likely be determined by the local guidance that we

Professional Standards

Designation of the previous chair of Professional Standards, there is a need to appoint a new chair. Unlike other policy chairs, there is a distinct need to have a dedicated Professional Standards chair to assist with campus messaging, working closely with Faculty Affairs and the Provost's office before the new chair begins. Chair McKee and past Chair Mathur have been actively

Chair McKee, Dr. Winifred
Chair of Professional

were not able to serve

4. University Communication

Currently, in terms of information there is a lot in flux right now. One suggestion is to put forward a FAQ that addresses very specific questions around instruction,= and campus re-opening. The provost has drafted an overall message and

students. 98% faculty, 96% staff. When we need to make changes, we will. We are observing things carefully. If an outbreak happens, we may be dropping students without vaccinations. We want to avoid sending constant messages and we want to avoid sending conflicting messages. We are not going to change the messaging around Sept 30th deadline.

C: Historically, campus has pivoted more quickly than other campuses. We understand the anxiety, but as a campus we have done really well in the past, better than some of the other campuses.

5. Policy committee updates:
 - a. Organization and Government: No additional updates from the last meeting.
 - b. Instruction and Student Affairs: No additional updates from the last meeting.
 - c. Professional Standards: We can consider this updated with the appointment of the new chair.
 - d. Curriculum and Research: No additional updates from the last meeting.

6. University Updates:
 - a. VP, Admin and Finance

Questions:

Q: Any updates on the Science Building?

A:

We have about 6 programs that want to offer their degree programs online via self-support. The provost would like to do a presentation to the senate on online education and self-support. We want to make serious investments in online education. Really want to create consistency in programming, pricing and other things that increase accessibility to students. The provost has some conversations with the system. The price will be the same for all programs. Curriculum, branding, budgeting all need to be worked out. This is not a requirement, and we are not trying to double enrollments. But some programs are interested in this. Hoping this allows increases in accessibility for students. We are working on making this a scale deal, not program-by-program. Scalability is critical. Have a road map aligned with strategic enrollment management. This is what Ron [Rogers] is working on and he has been meeting with various groups on campus.

President: Adding to this, this will allow us to reach working adults who might drop out at the end who can finish with this vehicle. These students tend to be diverse and Pell-eligible, people who have already incurred costs but were not able to graduate.

Q: Are these degree-completion programs? Or completely online?

pulled into these programs as pay was better. I think it is a good idea to run things through C&R so there is a central entity looking at all these. Provost: I know the pieces. Having already approved programs reviewed would be a conversation between you and your programs.

Q: Is there a place where there is more information publicly available? A shared drive, campus presentations that we can review?

A: Background is being developed. So far it is conversations. Some conversations between Ron and me. I am trying to kick-off a larger conversation.

C: Thank you Vin for including staff in the OpED Project. Hope there are more opportunities for staff integration into campus projects.

c. Chief Diversity Officer:

Committee on Diversity report is going to Mary at the end of the week. Last year we had only 4 working group meetings, but we got a lot accomplished. We are opening up the process from within some small focus groups to the whole committee. Anti-racism Summer Institute just completed. 50+ faculty from 9 institutions, 7 champion faculty. Working with Engineering for another Summer Institute for their college next year. Looking at pedagogy and teaching and closing equity gaps for the tech sector and industry. Meeting with the chairs and directors to see how they can participate in the planning of this institute. Undergrad research opportunities program where faculty are being mentor researchers on equity and social justice research, program is being led by Dr. Akilah Carter-Francique. Goal is 30 faculty and 30 students (based on Michigan model). Starting this year, we are rotating faculty fellows through centers across campus to develop faculty programming. Today is the kick-off for parents and students for New Black Student event. Large integrated program. Participating in summer orientation for incoming students and we are working with housing staff. Working directly with the Family Advisory Board, first integrated large programming for students. Presenting to Jump Start (new faculty orientation). Will continue our support to BIPOC faculty. We had our own staff retreat on Friday.

Q: What is the status of the bullying taskforce report?

A: This has been dormant over the summer. We will connect to ensure that this is moved forward.

7. The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

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