

Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 11, 2020

In Attendance: Dinesh Pinisetty (Chair), Keir Moorhead (Vice Chair), Sarah Senk (Secretary), Christine Isakson, Elizabeth McNie, Wil Tsai, Cynthia Trevisan, Mike Mahoney (Provost), Sianna Brito (Academic Support Coordinator)

Absent: Steve Browne

1. ROTC Program Discussion
  - a. McNie reports that Kathryn Marocchino brought to her attention some concerns regarding



the Report on Non-Instructional Spending, and has encouraged new members to reach out for input from the former members regarding their concerns.

- b. Chair reports that administrative members on the Budget Committee expressed concern that former members did not attend all meetings. Committee discusses the importance of conveying to the Administration that meetings must be scheduled at a time when faculty members can attend, and in particular to ensure that meetings are not scheduled during times when faculty members teach classes.
  - c. Isakson recommends asking the new committee to report regularly to the Senate.
  - d. Chair reports that this is consistent with the new bylaws, and we will rely on those members to bring information back to the Senate so that we can be aware of faculty concerns in real time.
5. Faculty Development Coordinator
- a. Provosts notes that the Faculty Development Coordinator is going on sabbatical and asks if the position is permanent since he is only aware of one person serving in the role for the past several years.
  - b. Chair reports that it not a permanent position, but that the last time an "election" happened was in 2017. Chair explains that "the way it works is that Michele [van Hoeck] puts out a call, and for a number of years Nipoli Kamdar has been the only volunteer. Since then it has never been advertised."
  - c. Isakson asks if it's just one person who decides or if it's an election, and recommends that since there is reassigned time and a stipend involved, the position is high stakes enough to necessitate more than one person deciding.
  - d. Mahoney notes that Kamdar is doing an excellent job, but asks whether it's fair that the position has become permanent.
  - e. Senk agrees, but adds that one of Gary Reichard's recommendations during our meeting about the Chair policy is that we avoid situations where only one person appears on a ballot because it has the effect of suppressing participation by interested faculty members who may want a chance to hone new skills in a campus leadership position.
  - f. Committee agrees that we should hold elections as we used to do for the position, and the terms should be renewable so that someone who is doing an excellent *can* continue to be elected by faculty. To be consistent with the new by-laws, which require people on sabbatical to find substitutes to fill the roll while they're away, the Committee noted that if Nipoli wins, we can also hold an election for an interim position for the semester when she's on sabbatical.
  - g. Committee recommends updating the policy to clarify that the Faculty Development Coordinator should be a two-year position for continuity (rather than a one-year position), and that every two years there should be an application process, but that the position can be renewable.