

Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 18, 2020

In attendance [all via remote connection]: Dinesh Pinisetty (Chair), Keir Moorhead (Vice Chair), Sarah Senk (Secretary), Steven Browne, Christine Isakson, Elizabeth McNie, Cynthia Trevisan, William Tsai, Mike Mahoney (Provost), Sianna Brito (Academic Support Coordinator)

I. Senator Elections

Chair reports that Senate at-large representative elections have closed. The representatives will be: Steve Brown (MT), Mike Holden (ME), Christine Isakson (IBL), and Julie Simons (S&M). Committee notes and expresses appreciation for the even distribution among Schools and majors.

Chair reports that the next step is to conduct Executive Committee elections. Original timeline is delayed due to the unexpected move to online teaching, but as soon as possible the incoming senators will be convened to vote for the Executive Committee.

Committee discusses "glitches" in procedure we did not anticipate due to the way we staggered elections (with department elections first, followed by at-large, followed by ASCSU). Chair reports that he received an email from one faculty member who expressed displeasure that he voted for a department representative who then ran for an at-large position. Committee discussed that we could not stop an elected department representative from resigning from that role in favor of running for an at-large position. But to avoid such an event in the future, the committee agrees we should formalize a new order for senate elections each spring, starting with the ASCSU positions, then the at-large positions and then working "down" to the department level.

Rather than conducting department elections first, the new order shall be (approximately) as follows.

- January 21 (or next nearest weekday): Faculty Census to determine number of at-large representatives; Department Census to determine number of department representatives. Deadline for ASCSU representative nominations.
- February 1 (or next nearest weekday): Election for ASCSU representative closes. Election results announced within 24 hours.
- February 7 (or next nearest weekday): Deadline for all senator nominations. (*Nominees may run for multiple positions but cannot hold more than one representative position.*)
- February 14 (or next nearest weekday): Election of At-Large Faculty Representatives and Lecturer-at-Large Representatives opens.
- February 21 (or next nearest weekday): Election of At-Large Faculty Representatives and Lecturer-at-Large Representatives closes. Election results announced. Departments conduct internal elections/deliberations to select department representatives

- March 15:
in bylaws and not subject to change]

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II. Student Evaluations of Spring 2020 Courses

Chair reports that Teaching Evaluations may be suspended this semester, given that faculty are being asked to change modalities with very little time to prepare. But that's a violation of CBA, so more discussion is required.

Provost reports that he has no information about teaching evaluations but will talk to the President after this meeting.

Provost reports on grading options that were discussed on the Provost's Council. One campus is proposing credit/no credit for all classes, but Provost reports that " was roundly shot down by everyone." One thing considered seriously was expanding the options for withdrawals from courses.

Committee discusses potential benefits of course evaluations (namely that many faculty may want to learn about what worked and didn't about their online courses) but emphasized that given the circumstances these evaluations should *not* be included in any faculty member's RTP file.

Provost sent an email a few hours after the end of the meeting to confirm that after speaking with the President, we are tentatively planning on going ahead with student evaluations this Spring semester because we would like feedback from cadets on how

Provost notes in an email after the meeting that one department has not started the process yet.

VI. Grants

Sianna Brito notes that faculty planning on attending conferences this spring are now unable to travel.