

Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 22, 2020

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

I. Chair's Report on Faculty Elections

- Chair reports that Nipoli Kamdar won the election for Faculty Development Coordinator.
- Chair reached out to Michele to see if the runner-up would like to serve as interim coordinator for the semester that Nipoli is on sabbatical.
- Mike Holden won the Senate RTP election 18 votes, Nordenholz received 17, Snell received 17: Katherine, Steve Browne, Mike Holden. Next year we have to hold elections to replace Kathryn Marocchino.

II. Senate Executive Committee Elections

- Committee discusses how to conduct the secret ballot over Zoom.
- Tsai says we could poll over Zoom, running a poll one at a time, or alternatively, we could create a series of Microsoft forms for each election. Tsai confirms the votes would be confidential as long as the poll is set to be anonymous.
- Browne notes that new Bylaws specify that nominations are also supposed to be anonymous, so committee plans to have members of Senate send nominations to Sianna Brito over email in real time. Sianna will collect the nominations, report them to the Chair and Tsai who will coordinate the anonymous polling to conduct the elections tomorrow.
- To minimize confusion, we will conduct elections for each position in order, so to begin people will send nominations for Chair to Sianna, then we will hold the vote for Chair, and so on until the at-large positions are filled.
- Browne reminds committee that voting will accord with the ASCSU model of ranked voting. (Details are included in the new bylaws.)
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III. Questions about the Plan to Return to Campus

- Committee expresses concern regarding the plan to return to campus, presented yesterday, (April 21) during a Zoom meeting with the Provost Council regarding COVID-19 planning. Mahoney reports that the President contacted the Governor's office a week ago, but Mahoney has not heard anything since. Senate Executive Committee members ask if Mahoney can clarify how the President depicted the university in order to justify an exemption to CDC recommendations. What characteristics about Cal Maritime would qualify us for an exemption? Mahoney reports that to his recollection, the President characterized us as "unique." President told the governor we have an importance in the economy. Mahoney reports he would be surprised if the governor's office approved an exemption. Chair notes that in yesterday's presentation the COVID working group seemed aware that social distancing is impossible in our face-to-face classrooms. Asks if the the Chancellor's office know about that? Mahoney speculates that the Chancellor

