

Senate Exec Meeting (2/4/2021)

Attendees: Matthew Fairbanks, Cynthia Trevisan, Dinesh Pinisetty, Lori Schroeder (Provost), Frank Yip, Christine Isakson, Bets McNie, and Mark Goodrich (for the last 20 minutes)

Dinesh invited President Cropper to attend Senate Exec meetings once a month starting next month.

Off-site retreat is set 3/15 – 3/17. A few of us have some conflicts – classes and the like.

General Senate Meeting dates are set, Dinesh is handling the communication of these and the calendar invites.

Frank: appreciates the work that went into this. I like the idea of publicizing this widely. The idea of assistant profs doing more work than full profs is shameful. RTP process has created a pressure for assistant profs to serve on these larger, more important committees.

Cynthia: benefit of the doubt as a first step is a good idea.

Lori: so, I'll see if Graham can write something up and then consult with Senate Exec so that we can sign on if we would like.

Some more discussion about this issue. Consensus is that the practice is not good. Students should know what they're signing up for. Frank: we have a responsibility as a body to correct this, gather the data and address it.

In the chat, Lori shared that Qualtrics would be available soon! Found room in her budget. It's a one-time expenditure for now, but she's put in for ongoing allocation of funds.

Mark exited. Some further discussion of the Corporation and its issues. Noted that Mark is just the messenger. Cynthia shared that she viewed it as having a good and concrete purpose, but the development and messaging was very odd.

Apparently administration was unaware of our Senate meetings. Dinesh will send Jennifer Hembree the info for 25Live scheduling. Odd that it wasn't already in there since it has been on the Senate website.

Meeting adjourned around 12:10.