

Senate Executive Committee Meeting (12/9/2021)

Attendees: Bets McNie (Vice Chair), Matthew Fairbanks (Secretary), Leah Wzykowski (Student Representative), Dinesh Pinisetty (Chair), Christine Isakson, Wil Tsai, Margot Hanson, Frank Yip, and Provost Lori Schroeder

Guests: Rachel Neuharth (alum), Maggie Williams (alum)

Senate Chair Updates

- Pinisetty asked about the Day of Dialogue and whether the Provost had any updates.
- Provost said that there will be a small group headed by Michele van Hoeck that is coordinating it. Other members include Jon Fischer and Aparna Sinha.
- There was some discussion on the timing of the day. The date is not confirmed as yet. Tentatively, it will be postponed from 1/19 to either 2/1 or 2/2.

- Provost has another update from VP of Cadet Affairs Kathleen McMahon. BIT/CARE teams do in fact exist and McMahon was confused by feedback that [redacted] ist or [redacted] noted that his point to McMahon was that the TNG consultants were effective timing of the day.

- She noted that students often do not know what support structures, etc. are available.
- Describe

She did not understand why men and women were separate and

- The sorts of data collection you are talking about, Maggie, should be collected by a well-functioning TIX [Title IX] officer. We are moving to expand the number of TIX-trained people on campus who will work in coordination with the main TIX Coordinator. And a well-functioning TIX Office also is meant to look at places where there are patterns of SA [sexual assault] and SH [sexual harassment] and be proactive rather than always REACTIVE.
- Provost confirmed that retroactive reports are permitted. The idea of Title IX is to determine whether there is a continuing harm or possible harm to students and the campus. Noted that an incident between a faculty member and an alum would be cause for investigation, because the faculty was still a member the campus community. Student to student incidents, if the students had already graduated, would not be actionable to a Title IX office in terms of an active investigation, though the data would be important.
- Some more discussion of the data and the reporting of it. Provost noted her support of clear reporting of the data and thinks we need to improve things on that front.
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- Hanson noted that faculty have been asking her about the prospect of a vote of no confidence. Important to make sure faculty are aware of the process going forward.
- Isakson thought inviting ASCSU folks to the meeting would be a good idea. To both a Senate only meeting and the more public one would be her suggestion.
- Fairbanks the topic would be on the agenda, which is public whether or not the meeting is Senators only.
- Tsai agreed the ASCSU folks should attend.
- Yip agreed as well (with Tsai and Fairbanks) and the agenda could detail that the discussion would consider all options.
- Hanson brought up the Sharepoint doc that Tsai and her started on the issue.

- Hanson also announced her departure at the end of the calendar year, which was met with both sadness and an appreciation for Hanson

- McNie noted that we need to be very strategic. We need to consider that the vote might not be approved, which would defang the Senate. We need to think hard about alternate methods of approaching and solving these problems. We need to think

Meeting Adjourned