



General Faculty Senate Meeting

Time: 11:00 am 12:15 pm

Minutes

4/21/2022

In attendance:

Dinesh Pinisetty, Elizabeth McNie, Colin Dewey, Matthew Fairbanks, Tamara Burback, Margaret Ward

3. Commendation Resolution CommUNITY Day Planning Committee

Senator Tsai is leading the presentation. He read the resolution, which is a commendation for the CommUNITY Day planning committee, which included faculty, staff, and students.

Isakson thanked Tsai for writing up the resolution. It's a great effort (the CommUNITY Day organizing). Isakson asked whether anyone needed to be added to the list.

Vice Chair McNie moved for waiving the first reading of the resolution, and Senator Dewey seconds. No objections.

There was a motion for adding Ali Moradmand to the planning committee membership list his absence was believed to be an oversight. Secretary Fairbanks seconded. No objections.

Motion for approving the resolution. Vote was 15-0-1 (in favor-against-abstain).

There were numerous comments in the chat thanking Senator Tsai and the Faculty Senate for writing and passing this resolution.

4. Hiring Practices Resolution Second Reading

- Senator Yip reviewed the fundamentals of the resolution.
- He responded to one comment (received prior to meeting) whether the upcoming retirement of the Captain of the TSGB obviates some of this resolution's content. Yip said no, that it was still necessary, and we want to have President on record with regards to his position on this issue.
- Secretary Fairbanks asked about the distribution list and specifically the reasoning for the Chancellor's Office notification. Yip explained that the Chancellor's Office should be made aware of these practices, and that the issue should be of concern for them.
- *Senator Browne motioned to amend*
- Chair Pinisetty

- Regarding Title IX: VP McMahon noted Grand River Solutions

is no policy for evaluating the sabbatical reports right now and we need to close the loop on the sabbatical properly. The Provost added that the Deans (Schools and Library) aren't mentioned in the current policy.

7. Sense of the Senate Resolution Second Reading

- Senator Tsai is presenting. Tsai shared a link to the resolution in addition to sharing his screen. There's lots of detail, so he wants everyone to be able to access it.
- Senator Tsai pointed out that the title and structure has changed significantly since the first reading. He and the group writing the resolution feel that we strengthened the resolution by linking it to the President's recent performance review. Senator Tsai said the Presidential review memo would be attached to the resolution for reference if it is passed.
- He started with campus culture (second Resolved), reading out the points and giving a synopsis of reasoning.
- Senator Tsai explained the requested Corps of Cadets examination and the need for transparency in these things.
- Enrollment issues (third Resolved). Quickly reviewed the goals laid out in the President's review memo. This is all good, but the data-driven plan on enrollment is very important. He also noted the need for student data regarding retention (why they stay, why they go, etc.), which is important in retention efforts.
- Continued to the Resolved on ship safety culture. It's not just about writing it down as a priority but making it central to operations.
- Senator Tsai concluded his presentation, and Chair Pinisetty opened the floor.
- *Senator Moorhead: Regarding the SUNY Maritime example used in the resolution. Based on their report, which was leaked, about their Corps, their current condition is good. Can we strike that example in the resolution? (Motion) Isakson seconded removal. Some discussion ensued, largely in support of this motion. Leading by example and making our own model for the Corps was suggested. No objections to the motion, language struck from the resolution.*
- No other comments or amendments were offered.
- Senator Tsai noted the effort it took to put this together. He thanked those who gave feedback and gathered feedback and those who worked on the resolution. The resolution needed to reflect the whole faculty and getting that input and drafting the resolution took considerable time.
- *Vice Chair McNie motioned for a vote. Senator Dewey seconded. Result: unanimous approval, 16-0-0.*

8. ASCSU Updates

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10. Commendation for Senate Chair Dinesh Pinisetty

- Vice Chair McNie introduced a resolution of commendation for Faculty Senate Chair Dinesh Pinisetty, in appreciation of his long service as Chair during a truly unprecedented time. She read the resolution and solicited amendments. No amendments were offered.
- *Motion was made to waive a first reading. Passed by unanimous consent.*
- *Motion was made for a vote. Resolution was adopted unanimously. 16-0-0.*
- The passage of resolution coincided with a roar of appreciation and applause, or at least the Zoom equivalent thereof.

11. Meeting Adjourned [~12:15 pm]