



Academic Senate
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Academic Senate Executive Meeting Minutes

February 5th, 2021 (convened at 9:06 am) in Zoom

Attendees: Ron Slabbinck (President), Neil Carpentier-Alting (Vice-President), Liz Carlyle (Secretary), Ann Klein (At-Large), Shirley Louie (At-Large), Patrice Thatcher-Stephens (At-large), and Sherry Ackerman (P/T faculty representative).

1) *Public Comment*

- Sherry Ackerman asked about the Town Hall meeting being postponed at the last minute. President Ron Slabbinck noted there was no discussion with Senate presidents before making this decision. The survey sent out previously was in response to needing a safe and anonymous place to get feedback from the campus community before the Town Hall meeting. The Special meeting of the Board yesterday was the first time the Board has met since receiving the many comments from the community over Winter break. It would be good if the Board could receive the survey comments before the Town Hall meeting rescheduled for Feb 19th. The survey also needs to be sent out to PT faculty to get their input.

2) *Approval of Minutes*

- Academic Senate Executive Meeting, January 26th, 2021. President Ron Slabbinck called the question. Motion approved.

3) *Discussion and Action Items*

- a) Faculty Appointments: Ann Klein and Andrea Craddock volunteered to co-chair Equivalency committee. Katie Elwood will continue as OEI Coordinator if we can't find anyone as a replacement. Ron will reach out to a couple of faculty members who could be a possibility for Accreditation, Standard II Team. It is important to identify faculty mentors quickly so we can help our new faculty acclimate to the campus
- b) Discuss "Vickie" replacement regarding Tenure Committee appointments. This item was tabled until we have more information. Evaluations are definitely in our purview, although identifying who in the district will do this work is up to the Instruction Office.

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- c) Equity and Social Justice: Review the Senate Resolution—Sherry Ackerman asked a point of inquiry. On Philosophy listservs, she sees many Equity statements also reference intellectual diversity. VP Neil Carpentier Alting asked if she could draft up a paragraph for the team to consider. Patrice Thatcher-Stephens noted that the original intent was to keep the focus on anti-racism in the resolution rather than broaden to class and gender etc.
- d) Update from the Senate President—Ron will send out an email to the Exec team with updates on the meetings with VPs and Deans
- e) Academic Senate Agenda—The team reviewed the agenda for Monday’s meeting.

4) Good of the Order

- Neil has been impressed with the program approval process and how all corners of the campus have been involved. There have been good conversations with tangible details. He’s looking forward to sharing with the Faculty Handbook workgroup next week as we move forward with revising this document and connecting to other parts of campus.

Adjourned 9:49 am

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