



ACADEMIC SENATE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 26, 2019
FACULTY CONFERENCE ROOM

This meeting was shortened due to a conflict with research presentation by a faculty member in the ME department. The meeting was called to order by Tom Nordenholz at 11:55 am.

Present: Tom Nordenholz (Chair), Dinesh Pinisetty (Secretary), Margot Hanson, Steve Browne, Cynthia Trevisan, Andres Ramirez.

Guests: Sue Opp (*Provost*); Stefano Maffei (*Associated Student President*)

Absent: Khalid Bachkar and Alex Parker (*Vice-Chair*)

The minutes from the Senate Executive meeting held on January 15, 2019 are approved.

Gender Equity Group Meeting

A Gender Equity group meeting was held on Feb 25 2019 and an update from that meeting was provided by an attendee from the senate executive committee.

There was a very good representation at the meeting from various groups on the campus including students, faculty, staff and administrators.

Students were under the impression that all the walls in the ship will be white-washed over the spring break which was not the case. However, after a group discussion between all the parties involved, it was clarified that no decisions have been made and an ad hoc working group that involves students, faculty, staff and alumni will be established by the Captain and the recommendation by that group will be considered in the decision making process.

Department of Public Affairs and Communications, in conjunction with the Library, will be working on a joint project to archive all the murals on the ship as digital copies.

President's Report

The President suggested that the Gender Equity meeting held on Feb 25, 2019 was the best example of the shared governance process. There were fruitful discussions that happened between all the entities on our campus.

He made it clear that a policy will be established based on the recommendation of the ad hoc

committee that will be established by the Captain.

He also took this opportunity to express his opinion that the mural issue has been hijacked by social media posts, which he believes were harmful to the campus atmosphere.

RTP Policy

The major change that we will be considering to the RTP process, which will put the Deans and Senate RTP Committee Reviews in sequence, rather than concurrence, will necessitate separate tracks for second year retention candidates and all other candidates due to deadlines mandated in the CBA for those different cohorts. The senate chair will be working on the timeline and present the changes of the RTP policy at the upcoming General senate meeting.