

Senate Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2020

In attendance: Dinesh Pinisetty (Chair) [via teleconference], Sarah Senk (Secretary), Christine Isakson, Elizabeth McNie, Wil Tsai, Sianna Brito

Absent: Keir Moorhead, Steve Browne, Cynthia Trevisan

- I. Budget Presentation Update
 - a. Franz Lozano has suggested February 20 for his budget presentation to the faculty; however, this conflicts with our General Senate Meeting, which was scheduled six months ago. Chair has requested presentation take place on February 27 instead, and is awaiting confirmation from Lozano's office.
 - b. ACTION ITEMS
 - i. Chair will follow up with Lozano to confirm date, and will also strongly encourage him to attend next week's Senate Executive Committee meeting to confirm his report will directly address specific faculty concerns
- II. Faculty Division Mentors
 - a. McNie reports that years ago divisions had faculty representatives that provided informal advising for that division. Much of it was social in nature – showing up for a formation, hosting a pizza night, etc. Given the current campus climate and students reporting feelings of isolation, disconnection from the university, McNie recommends reinstating this program to allow for more informal support for students. Position is open to all faculty, not just licensed. Suggests two per division.
 - b. Committee agrees this is an excellent idea.
 - c. ACTIONS ITEMS
 - i. survey faculty at the general meeting to see if we have enough to assign two per division,
 - ii. McNie will contact David Taliaferro to communicate our intentions to the Commandant's office and identify any areas of overlap with programs they are currently working on.
 - iii. McNie will also contact Kristen Tener to see about scheduling time during Orientation.
 - iv. implement program in Fall 2020
- III. International Experience Standing Committee Update
 - a. Tsai suggests adding lines clarifying that the members of the relevant departments should *not* be the IE Director (since this might create a conflict of interest).
- IV. Standing Committee Policies Update
 - a. Senk reports that a group of 12 people are meeting tonight from 6 PM to around 8 PM.
- V. Department Chair Responsibility Policy

- a. Pinisetty reports that once Gary Reichard's report is ready we will establish a task force.
- b. Isakson recommends including former department chairs on the task force to draw on historical knowledge.
- c. ACTION ITEMS:
 - i. Establish task force upon receiving Gary's report

VI. Watch-Standing Report

- a. Moorhead reviewed the watch-standing policy on campus and found discrepancies regarding scheduling and enforcement. He has shared with the Senate Executive Committee a list of recommendations for addressing each problem he has identified.
- b. ACTIONS:
 - i. Add Watch-Standing Report to agenda for the next Exec Meeting
 - ii. Chair will invite Commandant to the Senate Executive Meeting next Wednesday to coordinate efforts to revise watch-standing policy.

VII. Senate Representative Timeline

- a. We need to coordinate election process (ideally department elections will happen first so that unelected department members may run for Faculty-at-Large positions).
- b. Plan for this year is to allow people to nominate people (or themselves) for multiple positions (eg. Department, ASCSU, at-large). If a nominee is elected for an at-large position *and* the department rep position, they can tell the Senate Chair which they'd prefer and then we will conduct a follow-up election to fill the empty position.