

Senate Executive Committee Meeting (04/16/2024)

Attendees: Elizabeth McNie (Chair), Ariel Setniker (Secretary), Christine Isakson, Mike Holden, Julie Simons, Maggie Ward, Provost Schroeder.

Absent: Sarah Senk (Vice Chair)

- **Minutes Review and Approval**
 - *The minutes from 03/01 and 04/04 were approved by unanimous consent.*
 - *Vice Chair Senk took minutes for meetings on 03/14, 03/21 and 03/26 - need to upload these to SharePoint*

- **Chair's Update**
 - Chair McNie discusses agenda for upcoming General Senate
 - Senator Simons suggests updates on timelines over summer, searches, etc.
 - Who will our designee be since we do not have interims in the summer?
 - Will be meeting with trustees
 - Senator Isakson reminds that trustees represent people of CA, not necessarily faculty
 - Biannual Report of Senate Accomplishments will be coming around for feedback

- **MT Safety Committee**
 - Chair McNie has requested clarification on charges of committee, etc. From Jordan Taylor, who sent recommendations
 - Chair McNie has also requested a face-to-face meeting with the President concerning this
 - Captain had not initially received MT Safety Committee's recommendations
 - MT Safety Committee was initiated by the faculty
 - Senator Ward (as member of committee): goal is to improve specific safety items
 - Majority of safety issues that need improving are around boat basin (rather than ship)
 - Senator Isakson queries how this committee fits into our Senate structure
 - Senator Ward responds that this was a department-initiated committee, not certain how formalized this is
 - Senator Simons echoes that this committee cannot just take over the old Cruise Oversight Committee without Senate involvement
 - Senator Ward shares background – the majority of the safety concerns shared in the recommendations are a result of what happened prior to our current captain's tenure
 - Negative separation between faculty and ship seems to be perpetuated
 - Senator Simons: how involved are ET faculty in these conversations?

- Senator Ward: not as much, though that is warranted as safety is typically under MT on ships

- **Library Dean Structural Changes:**

- Provost shares that personal hope is this is a temporary pause in library dean
- Asked for proposal from faculty, with the understanding that we are under budget constraints
 - Other campuses have Supervising Librarians (paid faculty position), that take some of the duties of a Library Dean but not all
 - Paramount importance that someone with library expertise weigh in on RTP processes
 - L&S Dean will perform the remaining duties that cannot fall to the Supervising Librarian
 - Chair McNie: will this be added to the job description? Provost is unsure at this time – talks still ongoing
- Chair McNie asks why not department chair? Provost discusses that library faculty have not pushed for this, though not off the table. Supervising librarians are common on other campuses.
- Senator Simons: isn't this more of an MPP role? Provost: no, it's a faculty role through and through, thus the reason for L&S Dean to supervise.

- **Open Floor**

- Senator Simons mentions opt-in corps questions – a different uniform doesn't address our enrollment issues
- Senator Isakson questions framework for enforcing uniforms – we have always had a challenge with this
- Why not a dress code? In state of CA, you cannot enforce something that is subjective