Senate Executive Committee Meeting Monday, November 18, 2019

In Attendance: Dinesh Pinisetty (Chair), Keir Moorhead (Vice Chair), Sarah Senk (Secretary), Steven Browne [via Zoom], Margot Hanson [via Zoom], Elizabeth McNie, Cynthia Trevisan, Frank Yip, Sue Opp (Provost), Sianna Brito

I. Interim Provost Announcement

- Candidate is visiting campus on Friday, November 22

II. RTP Timeline Change

- Senate Executive Committee Chair met with Senate RTP Committee and CFA to move the RTP review timeline forward so that Provost Opp has access to the WPAF materials before she leaves Cal Maritime in January; both the RTP Committee and CFA supports the change in timeline. The materials will now be made available to the Provost on January 3, and the new deadline for the Provost/VPAA review is January 23.

III. 2020-2021 Academic Calendar

- Kristen Tener conducted a student survey concluded that 85% of students said they wanted the full week off
- Hanson notes that it is still worth conducting a survey to get faculty feedback on whether or not the full week of break affects student learning

IV. ASCSU Meeting Update

- Resolution [NUMBER?] encourages campus to explore their own land use
- Ethnic Studies graduation requirement: the ASCSU is recommending that we focus on outcomes rather than units. Recommendation leaves up to the campuses how they are going to achieve the specific outcomes.

V. Elections to fill-in for Margot and Frank for Spring 2020

- We still don't have Qualtrics. Why not? Unsure.

VI. Strategic Planning Committee Update

According to Brig, committees will meet together in December, individual committee meetings will be starting in Spring

Action Item: Confirm with Brig when the meetings will take place.

Post-Meeting Update (12/9/19): The President has not yet approved the Committees, so strategic planning work will begin after winter break, not in December.

VII. Response to Report by Faculty Serving on Budget Advisory Committee – Update

- Franz Lozano says the response is near completion and we should be receiving it soon

VIII. Senate By-Laws Next Steps

- Senk received feedback from two members of the IBL department concerned with IE Oversight Committee. Committee notes that they appear to be conflating the descriptions of the proposed Senate committee and an existing committee.

Action Item: Senk will revise the description of the IE Oversight Committee to clarify the responsibilities.

- IX. Gender Equity Resolution Next Steps (Guests: Julie Simons and Kristen Tener)
 - Simons explains that the resolution is a call to action for a change in campus culture, particularly given that there hasn't been a change in female student enrollment for 30 years
 - Tener reports she is currently compiling focus groups to help Student Affairs better understand the female cadet experience, working with Touro University's public health administration program to administer the focus groups in a way that won't compromise their safety.
 - Provost notes that female students have higher levels of success than male students; they are succeeding when they are here, but big question is how to get them here
 - Simons responds that the committee views the resolution as an opportunity for the Faculty to say, "we're behind this," and then ideally the resolution will get a response from the Administration. "This resolution is aimed at forcing our campus to have this conversation. The language of this resolution is based on other resolutions at other CSUs. It's a way of saying "we want to work on this, and we want you to know" so that progress can be tracked."
 - Yip moves to bring this to the Senate for discussion.