

## Senate Executive Committee Meeting (09/19/2023)

**Attendees:** Elizabeth McNie (Chair), Sarah Senk (Vice Chair), Ariel Setniker (Secretary), Christine Isakson, Wil Tsai, Mike Holden, Maggie Ward, Provost Schroeder.

- **Minutes Review and Approval**
  - *The minutes from 09/14 were approved by unanimous consent after some minor grammatical edits.*
  
- **Teaching Evaluation Policy**
  - McNie: fell through cracks, want to present at upcoming General Senate meeting – thoughts?
  - This was a policy that was initiated in 2019, and was stalled due to COVID, etc.
  - Setniker: can we ask for background – who supports, reasons, etc.
    - Tsai: coming off of COVID and evaluations being online, some biases to address, etc.
  
- **Meeting with Dr. Leland coming up**
  - This is part of new onboarding they are doing with new CSU presidents
  - Chair McNie is looking for talking points, is grateful that they want to hear from faculty senate
  - Tsai: clarification? Purpose?
    - McNie: to support President Dumont in strategy development
  - McNie: will discuss challenges in licensing departments, challenges in faculty service overload, culture progress still has a way to go
    - Any thoughts on budgeting? Enrollment?
    - Ward: be sure to start with what the merchant marine is, opt-in regiment and how that is successful at other schools
  - Tsai: looking up background of Dr. Leland, she contributed to growth at UCMerced particularly in diversity, so it'd be interesting to hear her ideas/strategies - also with hiring diverse faculty.
  - McNie: will report back on this meeting
  
- **Upcoming Meeting with President Dumont (Chair, Vice Chair, Provost)**
  - McNie: one existential crisis is the challenge we have hiring in ET – we are potentially losing one to retirement (before cruise) and potentially one more
    - Ward supports the sentiment
  - Tsai: curious about status of Title IX Taskforce, ensure it's progressing along
  - Tsai: updates on facility status, dorms and lower campus, particularly HVAC systems
    - NAV AC has not been fixed

- Maritime North – we have heard varying details about AC (working/not working/ability to fix) - we need clear communication to population
      - CLSR 103 is a hotbox
      - Senator Isakson’s office was flooded last semester and only noted upon her return this semester – routine checks of facilities should be occurring
      - Lower campus buildings locked in mornings again
    - Setniker: would like to see more open dialogue between faculty and athletics, in effort to support students better
    - Isakson: get sense that masters swim and diving still not allowed in pool – understand that there are budgetary constraints and challenges but would like to open the conversations
      - McNie: let’s invite Karen Yoder to next Senate Exec meeting
        - Isakson: want to make sure it’s not a put-on-the-spot situation, understand there are special constraints
        - McNie will provide context/points
        - Invite a secondary person if another athletics staff oversees classes in pool specifically
    - Ward: update on Title IX concerns
      - We cannot discuss details of confidential cases
      - Provost: In any case, encourage students to report if they haven’t, doesn’t matter if someone else has
      - Senk: would be nice to have a script for faculty when cases come up, e.g., when students ask why an accused student is in class? It would be nice to have guidance on how to explain due process in a sensitive way.
        - Students are commenting on disappointment that multiple Corps Leaders are known to have open Title IX cases
        - McNie: Dr. Carol Branch is planning to hit a lot of these points in General Senate
          - Tsai: from ASCSU, there is discussion of a ‘regional’ Title IX investigator, to ensure that cases aren’t handled differently campus to campus
            - CSU is also going to develop policy to address ‘conduct of concern’
          - Ward: the Coast Guard is also looking into big changes
          - McNie: will forward these points to Dr. Branch
- **General Senate Planning**
  - McNie reviews agenda: Title IX Taskforce, Title IX Coordinator, Teaching Eval Policy Discussion, IWAC Discussion, Discontinuation Policy, Professional Development Working Group

- **Open Floor**

- Isakson advertises opportunity for Legislative Specialist
- Tsai: talking about doing program reviews for majors that haven't typically done such – are we looking to change that process?
  - Provost: got sense that CO was going to send us data and we would go from there – up to keep this conversation going
- Senk: GE Director Policy
  - GE Chair is elected, don't think we can require that Director be Chair

- **Meeting Adjourned [~12:00pm]**