Meeting of ESF Academic Governance

Minutes

26 January 2021 11:00a (EDT)


*Note: Attendance captured via Zoom attendance list. Individuals were not included if only first names or phone numbers were listed. Contact the AG Secretary for corrections.*

1. Welcome / Call to Order/Acknowledgement
   a. Called to order @ 11:01am
2. Approval of Past Minutes
   a. Approved without dissent
3. Executive Chair Report (5 min)
   a. Resolutions
      i. Presentation of approved UFS#186-0101 on Racial equity
      ii. Invitation of GSA and USA to next AG open meeting to introduce their resolutions.
   b. Administrative structure of academic governance (bylaws and standing rules)
      i. Bylaws adhoc group meeting to identify and update bylaws modifications.

4. President’s Report – J.Mahoney/D.Newman (10min)
   a. President meeting with Departments and chairs. Mostly being done through SWOT analysis
   b. Budget proposals from governor:
      i. Remaining funds should be released in March before end of FY
      ii. $69m cut to SUNY. 5% cut overall with flexibility given to Chancellor
      iii. $50m COVID recovery fund with SUNY. Funds available in CARES package, encouraged to think outside the box.
      iv. SUNY approve academic programs without NYSED approval. Potentially shorten time for new programs
      v. Flexible tuition for doctoral granting institutions
   c. Searches
      i. Artz position underway. Hopefully complete in March.
      ii. Strategic initiatives very soon, will serve on informal task forces
      iii. VPR search underway, 14-15 candidates. Maureen Fellowes retires Feb 1.
      iv. Procuring search firm for Provost position
   d. Positive response from SU re: SU family testing services
   e. Informal task forces
   f. Provost notes:
      i. All employees must complete daily screening form, same as usual, but required for 2 weeks
         1. Making further determination on flu shot requirements.
      iii. Academic schedule change
         1. Commencement May 15. Form is unknown, TBA in April.
         2. Wellness days have NO assigned work
         3. GA obligation ends on 5/11. Don’t load up GAs near end of semester
         4. Fall 2021 still unknown b/c of vaccine rollout status.

5. University Faculty Senate Report – R.Yanai/R.Appleby (10min)
   a. Search for UFS standing committees, nominations open UFS President
   b. Contractual salary increase delayed until ’22-’23
   c. Discussion ensued on schedule mismatches and P/F grading systems
   d. Discretionary money being released
   e. 
6. SU Senate Report – K.Limburg/M.Bryant (none)
7. Committee Reports
   a. Research - J.Stella (5min)
      i. Mc-Sten awarded, not announced
      ii. No Spotlight
   b. Curriculum – E.Bevilacqua (5min)
      i. Motion on MS in Env. Studies (51 yes, 2 No). Motion carries.
      ii. March 1 deadline for course proposals
   c. Student Life – E.Tochelli (2min)
      i. Chancellor’s award due 1/29
   d. P&T – P.Vidon (none)
   e. IQAS – S.Farrell (none)
   f. Awards – J.DeBaise/K.Searing (none)
   g. Library – M.Smith (none)
   h. Technology – A.Rounds (5min)
      i. Phishing. Don’t get phished. No discussion ensued of the “Sample in Jar”
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. General Good and Welfare
    a. COVID: Room cleaning protocols/Facilities-related issues – Mark Lichtenstein (10min)
       i. Explanation of cleaning from Sue Fassler. Check website for updates.
       ii. Vehicle reservations updates reviewed
11. Adjourn approved without dissent @ 12:16p

Respectfully submitted by Neal Abrams, secretary