Meeting of ESF Academic Governance

Minutes

02.23.21 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 @ 11:02am

2. Approval of Past Minutes  
   a. Approved without dissent

3. Executive Chair Report (10 min)  
   a. Ad hoc bylaws committee  
      i. Working to streamline committees to fewer groups, defining 4 main  
         groups plus Executive committee  
      ii. More focus on issue-based (ad hoc) committees  
   b. Provost search committee – call for nominations  
      i. Currently have two nominees. Nominations close on 2/26

4. President’s Report – J.Mahoney/D.Newman (10 min)  
   a. Enrollment - currently record enrollment, very different compared to other  
      SUNYs  
   b. SUNY/State updates - modifications of tuition of doctoral granting  
      institutions. May be able to have flexibility on tuition.  
   c. Limited to ensuring student compliance for COVID testing at ESF. New  
      measures are being put in place to encourage compliance.  
   d. Banner - Mark Lichtenstein spearheading efforts to get Banner working.  
   e. Personnel updates -  
      i. Title IX going to move under the President's office.  
      ii. Provost search going forward because required  
      iii. Matt Milleay accepting position as Futurist (project management).  
           Coming from C&S.  
      iv. VPR search is ongoing and meeting with finalists  
      v. Rufo is spearheading search for Artz replacement  
   f. COVID testing is going great. Very low numbers on campus.  
      i. Limited info and major issues tracking students down. Students  
         who do not obey will receive a warning, 2nd offense go on  
         probation, 3rd is suspension (not desired)  
      ii. Planning to have in-person Cranberry and Wanakena  
   g. Vaccine site volunteers  
   h. Board of Trustees task forces  
   i. Governor’s budget - still working on CARES money.  
   j. Fall 2021 planning  
      i. Planning for 2019 schedule of face-to-face classes  
         1. Online only would have to get Provost approval  
         2. Course augmentation is acceptable without review
Hoping for strong push of vaccination for students and faculty

Important to start in-person, pivot if needed. Need to respond to student wishes.

VPR search commences this week in person. Five candidates.

Presentation for ~30 minutes in AM, then Q&A in the afternoon

5. University Faculty Senate Report – R.Yanai/R.Appleby (none)

6. SU Senate Report – K.Limburg/M.Bryant (none)

7. Committee Reports
   a. Research - J.Stella (5 min)
      i. McSten - Leem and Yoo; Kumar, Therasmne, Volk, and Ramarao; Weiss
      ii. Focusing on faculty webpage updates
      iii. 21 junior faculty participating in NSF workshop
      iv. SUNY SURC happening, $10 submission covered by Provost
      v. Upstate One Health Seminar series, please attend
   b. Curriculum – E.Beivilacqua (5 min)
      i. Motion for Grad Certificate Env. Decision Making (minor)
         1. Approved with 1 dissent
      ii. Motion for MPS in Env. Studies
         1. Approved with 1 dissent
   c. Student Life – E.Tochelli (none)
   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
      i.

8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. General Good and Welfare
   a. Report from USA president – Lexi Chipules (10 min)
      i. Secured extended Library hours for finals
      ii. Looking for Pass/Fail for non-required classes
   b. Report from GSA president – Justin Beslity (10 min)
      i. Appreciate COVID vaccine letters
      ii. Requesting Diversity and Equity training for everyone

11. Adjourn - approved and concluded at 12:07pm
Respectfully submitted by Neal Abrams, secretary