

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES –

Approved

Thursday, October 6, 2022**Via Zoom**

Members Present: Bendavid, Garrow, Glocke, Mimura, Neubauer (Chair), Spratt, Swenson, Walker, White, Wiegley, Williams

Guests: W. Watkins, D. Weingarten

Faculty President Neubauer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the SEC minutes

MSP: to approve the SEC Minutes for October 6, 2022 as revised.

2. Announcements

Faculty President Michael Neubauer updated the Provost search.

3. Provost's Report

Provost Mary Beth Walker

Provost Walker

- a. Updated the committee on the new AVP for Institutional Effectiveness position;
- b. Shared that the review committees for the four Deans have been formed;
- c. Reported on the Retention, Tenure, and Promotion (RTP) Roadshows for each College. The campus community has a concern about the continuity when the new Provost comes, and what the change in leadership means. Provost Walker assured the committee that the policy is consistent and there will be continuity.

4. Discussion Item – Masking Policy

William Watkins, VP Student Affairs and Dean of Students

A Senator requested some follow up from the administrators who changed the mask requirement to recommendation and pointed out the policy and resource availability at CSULA, UCLA, and USC. Provost Walker assured that if we tell students we prefer they wear masks, then they will listen. Dr. Watkins suggested the students contact the Health Center to receive just-in-time support and access resources, such as COVID-19 testing.

Further, the administration will monitor the marker and may revise the policy as we approach the colder seasons.

5. Discussion Item – Campus response to the ICAS recommendations and AB 928

Dan Weingarten, Chair of Educational Policies Committee

EPC Chair Dan Weingarten shared that the landscape surrounding AB 928 has been changing; questions include if we should build a transfer General Education model or if we will have two parallel General Education standards.

6. Discussion Item – Comments on the RTP review (Article 15.2 of the CBA, Section 612.5.2.c(4) and Section 613)

A Senator presented a concern colleagues brought up about soliciting student feedback. This was not the practice in some departments; it places faculty-at-risk at greater risk. Provost Walker clarified she had not seen many negative comments, and those are likely rare.

7. Standing Committee

Graduate Studies Committee (5/10 -- the Chancellor's Office approved a 4+1 program, which blends an existing baccalaureate and master's degree program, offered in the same support mode, into a single pathway).

Senators discussed the liaison's roles and responsibilities. This will be a future discussion item.

12. Agenda for the Next Senate Meeting

Reports

AB 928: what is it, and what should the change be?

14. New Business

Senator Bendavid reminded the SEC to follow up with the Bylaw discussion from the previous SEC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm

Submitted by: Yoko Mimura, Secretary of Faculty