



Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 3:00 pm,

Approved: September 24, 2024

Roll Call:

Martin Boston (absent), Sharon Furtak, Hogan Hayes, Carolyn Gibbs, Amber Gonzalez, Sheree Meyer (absent), Pat Oberle, Adam Rechs, Andrea Terry, Matthew Krauel, Raul Tadle (absent)

Call to Order: 3:02 PM

Open Forum:

Campus Budget: Additional details were requested on the overall campus budget and on further details of the Academic Affairs budget. The President responded the budget is still in progress. Chief of Staff Tudor added that not all of the budgets have been distributed to areas.

Student Fees: A question was raised about why the current student fee increase proposal did not require a referendum like the proposal for the Well. The President responded that due to the nature of the student fee proposals, a yes/no vote referendum would not have been appropriate. The rules allow for the alternative consultation method that was used.

24/25 Graduation Dates: A question was raised about the details of the Winter Graduation. Students of an Exec. member was planning on delaying graduation because of their disappointment with the planned Winter Commencement. Chief of Staff Tudor shared they are waiting for the Golden One agreement to be finalized, hopefully this week, and then the schedule will be posted.

Understanding the Chief Academic Officer title and its Relationship to the Vice

President Title: The item was added to the agenda.

Concerns Over the Consultation Regarding the HBCU Drum Line: The item was added to the agenda.

The Black Honors College and their Role in Academic Affairs and the Faculty Senate:

The item was added to the agenda.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda as amended and was approved as follows:

1. Move Open Forum before Approval of the Agenda
2. Add after #10: Understanding the Chief Academic Officer title and its Relationship to the Vice President Title.
3. At a #18 at the end of the agenda: Concerns Over the Consultation Regarding the HBCU Drum Line.
4. Add a #19: The Black Honors College and their Role in Academic Affairs and the Faculty Senate.

Minutes: Approved as published. April 30, July 9, August 20, September 3

From the Chair: To assist in meeting planning for the Executive Committee (EC) the Chair spoke about the EC digital corkboard recently shared with members. A few meetings will be mapped out at a time for information and to receive feedback. The same process will be used for the Faculty Senate meetings. Feedback was encouraged.

From the Provost: No items.

From the President: The President praised the Southwest Asian African Center event that happened earlier and shared the news of the official opening of the SWANA Center. The President shared information on the election watch party to be held in Library 11 later today.

A question was raised asking whether the SWANA Faculty Fellow is a model used for the other cultural centers? The President responded that if the related Student Fee proposal is signed it would provide resources to hire Faculty Fellows across all centers. VP Mitchell added that the Faculty Fellow buyout was for one course each semester.

Draft September 19 Faculty Senate agenda: Approved.

Student Fee Increases: The President shared that a final decision has not been made regarding the various Student Fee proposals because students made a few requests at the Town Hall that are being looked at.

A concern was raised about using Student Fees for building maintenance and repairs.

Understanding the Chief Academic Officer title and its Relationship to the Vice President Title:

Key Takeaways from the Discussion:

- Question raised: What is the difference/relationship between the titles Chief Academic Officer (CAO), Endowed Chief Academic Officer, and Vice President?
- Concern Raised: Regarding the Chief Academic Officer title: The Provost is the Chief Academic Officer. It is confusing as there is the proposed Chief Academic Officer for Placer Campus as well as other multiple CAOs on campus. Will those titles be changed? The President agreed to change the titles.

Executive Committee's Endorsement of the Endowed Position: Endowed Chief Academic Officer for Placer Campus: No action was taken.

Endorsement of Dr. Vajra Watson’s appointment as the endowed Chief Academic Officer for the Placer Campus: The item was tabled.

Presentation: How to Use the Interruption Statement. Presented by Michael Nguyen, Interim Chief Diversity Officer.

Questions Asked After Presentation:

- Should the person who contributed to the harm always respond back to the person invoking the interruption statement?

CDO Response: It is ideal for something to be stated or acknowledged. Build outcomes.

- How would a Senator know to speak?

CDO Response: Direction would need to be provided by someone. What happens once it is used?

- The Senate is confined by Robert’s Rules. How is this handled in the meeting? If asking the person if they would like to respond, it puts them on the spot.

CDO Response: Possible use of the Equity Pause. It has an educational component into it.

- How do we make sure the chair is adequately prepared if the Senate wants to use the Equity Pause – on the fly in the moment?

It was suggested that the Exec or Senate establish a workgroup of interested folks that can come up with a list of guidance for future Chairs.

GE/GR Working Group First Year Seminar: Approved

GE/GR Working Group Area C and Foreign Language GR requirement: Approved

Fall 2024 University General Education Symposium: Clarity of the purpose of the symposium was requested. The item will be placed on the next Executive Committee agenda.

Concerns Over the Consultation Regarding the HBCU Drum Line:

Key Takeaways from the Discussion:

Issues/Concerns raised: 1) What is the hiring process for person who manages the Drumline? Was a search conducted? Why was the Music Department not consulted? 2) Is the title of the position “Coach”? and 3) Why is the drumline under Athletics?

The President responded the position is a casual worker and not a Unit 3 faculty member. The title of “Coach” was used because the Drumline did not want their person to be called a Director. The Drumline is under Athletics because of a donor’s gift that came through Athletics.

Black Honors College and their roll with Academic Affairs and Faculty Senate: President Wood responded the title of “Dean of Students and Chief Academic Officer” would be changed to “Dean of Students and Chief Administrator Officer” for the Black Honors College.

Adjourned: 5:05 pm