

Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 3:00 pm,

Approved: September 24, 2024

Roll Call:

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

Call to Order: 3:00 PM

Open Forum: No items.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was amended to move Item #11 before Item #10. The agenda as amended was approved.

Minutes:

The Chair noted that the Sept. 10 minutes will be updated and placed on the next agenda of the Executive Committee to include President Wood's statement that 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.

It was questioned why President Wood's comments regarding understanding the Chief Academic Officer title and its relationship to the Vice President title wasn't included.

Motion: A motion was made and carried to place the minutes on the next Executive Committee agenda to allow for the minutes to be updated.

From the Chair:

- **Minutes:** The Chair shared that she is responsible for putting together the meeting minutes and asked that all questions be addressed to her.
- **September 19 Senate agenda:** The agenda will be updated: 1) FS 24/25-33/EX State of California Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation for African Americans, Endorsement of Final Report: Will be placed at the top of the Second Reading items. 2) FS 24/25-30/FL Faculty Senate 2024-25 Meeting Modality: The item will be removed from the agenda. At the last Senate meeting the item was postponed until information regarding a process to ensure only Senators participate in voting could be provided.

The Chair communicated that most of the First and Second Reading items are carried over from last year and asked those members who are Senators to help ensure they remain at the top of the agenda during the agenda approval process.

From the Provost: The Provost provided an update on retention and graduation rates and the fall enrollment. The shared data will be emailed to Exec members.

Faculty Representatives for the Director of Academic Affairs Resources Search Committee: Three faculty representatives were requested by the Provost. The name of Anna Patterson and Bill DeGraffenreid will be placed on the September 19 Senate agenda on Consent Action. The Executive Committee seeds the responsibility of filling the third position on the search committee to the Provost. *Carried.*

Fall 2024 University General Education Symposium:

Motion: The Executive Committee supports the hosting of the GE Symposium. *Carried.*

Request for the Chicanx/Latinx Faculty and Staff Association for representation on administrative search committees: The Chair explained that this agenda item is listed this way because she received an email from CHLFSA requesting their letter be added to both the Executive Committee and Faculty Senate agendas. One of the two actions have been completed.

Motion: A motion was made to place the letter on a Senate agenda as an Information Item with the action language: The Faculty Senate acknowledges and forwards the request to the administration. *Failed.*

- If this motion passes, the Senate would not be asked to provide input or give its endorsement.

Main Points from the Discussion on the Motion:

- Concern raised: A member expressed their discomfort with not allowing faculty to discuss the item.
- Concern raised: A member expressed their concern that the Faculty Senate would decide not to take any action.

Additional motions were made that included referring the item to FPC but with specific instructions in the referral. The motion was to FPC to consider amendments of the Administrative Appointments Policy and the Administrative Review policy in consultation with CHLFSA and the Committee on Diversity and Equity.

The Parliamentarian provided guidance on Exec referrals: Exec. could decide to refer directly but it would be wise to have the Senate see the statement that Exec wants to refer to FPC. In this regard the body is honoring our guests and its due diligence with the Faculty Senate.

Both Dr. Feliz and Dr. Rincón informed Exec that the CHLFSA group would be willing to work with the Chair on drafting language to eventually be placed on the Faculty Senate agenda.

Motion: The Senate Chair will consult with Dr. Feliz and Dr. Rincón and bring the item back to the Executive committee for consideration at the next meeting. *Carried.*

Policy on Administrative Appointments: Amendments pertain to faculty being able to consult on the hiring process and the vacancy announcement.

Main Points from the Discussion:

- 1) Concern raised: Lines 32-48 are not reflective of the current policy. A, B, and C are not in the existing policy. Lines 32 -48 is currently one paragraph and the amended policy does not reflect the new format.
- 2) Concern raised: Lines 127 and 128 conflict with lines 32 – 48.
- 3) Concern raised: There are problems with the formatting of what is new and what is existing.

Motion: Place the Policy on Administrative Appointments on the Faculty Senate with the formatting and edits corrected. The item will be placed on the next available Senate meeting at First Reading. *Carried.*

Open Forum Guidelines: The Chair shared the background and rationale for the agenda item.

Motion: Amend the Faculty Sente Standing Rules, Article III. A. 3 Open Forum, to replace the language found under the Senate Meeting Agenda Open Forum with the Open Forum Guidelines language as written in the agenda this item and place the proposed Standing Rules amendment on the September 19 Senate agenda as a First Reading item. *Carried.*

Main Points from the Discussion :

- Feedback Suggested: Lines 29-33: A member advised that the use of the interruption statement isn't appropriate in the way it is presented in the Open Forum Guidelines because it is specific to biases.
- Question raised: Is the interruption statement only used for bias?
- Feedback Suggested: Can the Open Forum guidelines be linked on the agenda similar to the Interruption Statement?

The following motions to amend were made:

1. Strike lines 29-34 to remove the Interruption Statement from the Guidelines. *Carried.*
2. Delete lines 18-20 "Unlike an open mic, this is a structural space to encourage productive and focused dialogue, allowing participants to provide information or seek information or action from the Senate." *Carried*
3. Senate Chair's (or Representative's) Responsibility (lines 51-55): Add to the list of the chair's responsibilities: The Senate Chair is responsible for timing of Open Forum items. *Carried.*

Motion: To amend the Faculty Senate Bylaws to provide detail on the organization and conduct of the Executive Committee meeting similar in the structure and content where appropriate to the Standing Rules format, including adding the Open Forum Guidelines language as written in this agenda item and place the proposed By-Laws amendment of Article IV. A. 3.an on the Faculty Senate agenda as a first reading items for the September 19 meeting.

Motion: A motion was made to delay action of the item to the next meeting. Carried.

At the time of adjournment, the following items were not addressed and will be placed on the next Exec agenda.

- Motion: Amendment of the Faculty Senate Bylaws (from motion to delay action)
- Discussion: Using the Interruption Statement in the Faculty Senate meetings.
- Academic Calendar: 1) AY 2029/2030 Calendar and 2) AY a2030/2031 to AY 2034-2035 Projection – Referral to APC
- Building on Inclusive Excellence in Tenure and Tenure-Track Hiring Recommendations

Adjourned: 5:00 pm