

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday, April 29, 2019**

Present: H. Berliner, W. Caniano, E. Koegl, A. Flurkey, P. Fritz, G. Giuliani (Chair), S Glasser, R. Hirsch, J. Ku, C. Ramirez, T. Shapiro, E. Ward-Ciesielski

A. The April 1, 2019 minutes were unanimously approved.

**B. Discussion Items**

1. Prof. Giuliani convened the meeting by introducing Julian Ku, from the Law School. Prof. Ku reported that some recent issues that have arisen related to China and Chinese students in North America. He doesn't think we have had any issues on campus but feels we might as well start thinking about these issues before they come up as we continue to host more and more students from China and from other countries as well. In recent years, Chinese government authorities have grown bolder in trying to shape global perceptions of China on campuses and in academic institutions outside China. These authorities have sought to influence academic discussions, monitor overseas students from China, censor scholarly inquiry, or otherwise interfere with academic freedom.

Human Rights Watch, an international non-governmental organization, headquartered in New York City, that conducts research and advocacy on human rights, has put out a useful policy statement recommending principles for academic institutions which he would like the University Senate to consider. In particular:

- 8. Require that all campus organizations, including the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA), that receive funding or support from Chinese diplomatic missions and other Chinese government-linked entities, report such information.*
- 9. Promote academic freedom of students and scholars from China. Inform students and scholars from China that they are not required to join any organizations and help mentor and support them to ensure they can enjoy full academic freedom.*

A discussion followed. Provost Berliner suggested that we start by asking what the Office of Student Affairs distributes in terms of guidelines for student organizations.

**C. Action Items**

1. Prof. Giuliani presented for action, a survey created by the Environmental Priorities Committee. Sally Glasser, representing the Library on the EPC, reported that this survey was created to gain a better understanding of the Hofstra community thoughts about environmental priorities and will allow us to determine which environmental projects and ideas the Hofstra community finds most relevant. It was created via Qualtrics. A discussion followed and the following feedback was received:
  - The survey introduction states that responses will remain “anonymous and confidential” but they aren't really anonymous. One reason is that IP addresses can still be used to identify people as well as by completing all the questions (status, age, gender, ethnicity), someone would be identifiable.
  - Since the Environmental Priorities Committee is a Planning and Budget Committee subcommittee, the survey should have gone to the P&B Committee first.

- Provost Berliner raised concerns about suggesting initiatives without a way to pay for them. He was happy to see the fee question, but voiced doubt that \$25 would cover the costs of some of the mentioned initiatives.
- Terri Shapiro, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, had other suggestions/concerns and offered to come to our next meeting to discuss more thoroughly.

The item will be brought back to the Environmental Priorities Committee for revision and then to the Planning and Budget Committee in the fall.

#### **D. Discussion Items, continued.**

1. Prof. Giuliani presented for discussion having the new Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Cornell Craig, sit on the University Senate as an ex-officio member. This would require the bylaws to be revised and approved through shared governance. For now, he will be a guest of the Senate. Provost Berliner suggested that we take a look at the Senate bylaws and review whether or not other positions should be added. Caroline Schreiner reported that Faculty Statute VII would have to be revised and would have to be voted on by the full faculty.

#### **E. Action Items, continued.**

1. Prof. Giuliani presented for action, the Global Citizen's Designation. Prof. Fritz, chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the rationale behind it is to recognize outstanding contributions to international understanding. This is voluntary and will be something that will be included on transcript, if awarded by committee (formed by Senior Internationalization Officer, Neil Donahue), based on review of an e-portfolio assembled and developed by the student into an integrated and inclusive overview of their own forms of global engagement. A discussion followed and the item was approved.
2. Prof. Giuliani presented for action, the Course and Teacher Ratings (CTRs) Rubric. Prof. Hirsch, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that these are qualitative questions that the committee wanted to send out. The quantitative results will be based on the anonymized data that we receive from the Office of Institutional Research. The item passed unanimously. This item will not be presented to the Senate until the fall.
3. Prof. Giuliani presented for action appointments of new senators. They are as follows:
  - Michael Heiss, Adjunct, appointed to the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee
    - There is already an adjunct senator, Elyse Miller, on UAAC. Caroline will ask her in the fall if she wished to serve on the GAAC, since she teaches graduate classes.
  - Steven Hernandez, School of Education, appointed to the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee
  - Li Huang, Zarb School of Business (one-year term), appointed to the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee
  - Victor Lopez, Zarb School of Business (three-year term), appointed to the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee
  - Terrance Tompkins, School of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts, appointed to the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee

The appointments passed unanimously. Caroline Schreiner also presented information on the senators-at-large appointments.

## **F. New Business**

Prof. Fritz brought up for discussion, the proposed changes to the class schedules. Deans and chairs received it. Senior Vice Provost reported that it is just for discussion at this point, and we will reconvene in the fall.

Prof. Caniano congratulated Carissa Ramirez, chair of the Student Affairs Committee, who is graduating this month.

## **G. Committee Reports**

1. William Caniano, chair of the Planning and Budget Committee, reported that the committee will continue to look “high impact retention programs.” Last month they looked at the Living-Learning Community and hope to continue their research.
2. Erin Ward-Ciesielski, chair of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee spent most of its meeting discussing Faculty Policy Series #11G - Procedures for Handling Violations of Academic Honesty by Graduate Students at Hofstra University. Suzanne Pike, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, attended the meeting to speak about the academic affairs side of things. The committee also discussed bulletin language about badge programs.
3. Paul Fritz, chair of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the committee discussed the Global Citizen’s Designation as well as Faculty Policy Series #11 - Procedures for Handling Violations of Academic Honesty by Undergraduate Students at Hofstra University. Suzanne Pike also attended the meeting and gave some interesting data on reporting violations. There were low levels of reporting, but not as low as they thought. This led to a discussion about possible changes to the Honor Board.
4. Carissa Ramirez, chair of the Student Affairs Committee, reported that she had a meeting on Friday with the temporary Title IX Coordinator, and talked about clarifying language in the policy about whether or not the twelve months is inclusive or exclusive of the summer. The committee had to cancel one of their bi-monthly meetings due to low attendance. At the most recent meeting, one of the senators who worked on an American Sign Language initiative followed through with the department. Ms. Ramirez reported that she is also working with Kelly Rose on the disability issues brought up early by Prof. Caniano.
5. Rina Hirsch, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, reported that the committee finished the CTR assessment rubric, and discussed journal publications as well as Faculty Policy Series #15 – Ad-hoc Committee on Tenure. The committee felt the language, as it stands is broad enough and gives a lot of discretion to the different departments and how their going to assess the quality of journal publications. However, in the Faculty Policy Series there is “tenure for New College” as an item and needs to be removed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.