

MINUTES

Executive Committee

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

3:00pm – Microsoft Teams

Present: Sue Doe, Chair; Ruth Hufbauer, Vice Chair; TBD, BOG Representative; Amy Barkley, Executive Assistant; Yolanda Sarason, Business; Andrew Norton, Agricultural Sciences; Sybil Sharvelle, Engineering; Carole Makela, Health and Human Sciences; Antonio Pedros-Gascon, Liberal Arts; Linda Meyer, Libraries; Alan Bright, Natural Resources; Melinda Smith, Natural Sciences; Jennifer Peel, Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

Guests: President Joyce McConnell; Mary Pedersen, Provost/Executive Vice President; Susan James, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs; Brad Goetz, Chair University Curriculum Committee; Mo Salman, Chair Committee on University Programs; Paul Doherty; Marie Legare, Chair Committee on Responsibilities and Standing of Academic Faculty; Steve Reising, Chair Committee on Faculty Governance

Absent: None

Chair Sue Doe called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Chair Doe: Requested that Mo Salman's agenda item be moved up prior to President and Provost reports in order to accommodate class schedule. Agenda adjustment approved.

Chair Doe: Welcomed members back to spring semester. Taught first class today virtually, ready to be face-to-face next week. Thanked members for being here.

January 19, 2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Minutes to be Approved

A. Executive Committee Minutes – December 15, 2020

Chair Doe: Asked: Are there any corrections to be made to these minutes? Noted that Antonio Pedros-Gascon had sent corrections by email prior to meeting, some surface-level errors.

Chair Doe: Hearing none, minutes approved by unanimous consent.

II. Items Pending/Discussion Items

A. *Announcements*

1. The Next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on January 26, 2021 on Microsoft Teams – 3:00 p.m.
2. The Next Faculty Council meeting will be held on February 2, 2021 on Microsoft Teams – 4:00 p.m.

3. Harry Rosenberg Award

Chair Doe: Wanted to make mention of the Harry Rosenberg Award. This is typically announced early in the semester. Reminded members that information for this award is available on the front page of the Faculty Council website. Commented that Jenny Morse was the recipient of this award last year, and that we have a distinguished group of people, including Carole Makela, who have received this award. Encouraged members to start thinking about this. Will return to this discussion at a later date.

B. President Report – President Joyce McConnell

President Joyce McConnell: Welcomed everyone back. Expressed hope that members got a break but recognized that many of us have been working the whole time. Very few academics are able to get a break over winter, because we're finishing up grading, preparing for the next semester. Thanked everyone for their hard work. Expressed belief that we will have a very successful semester. Feeling optimistic, can work through 90 days.

President McConnell: Discussed the “Year in Review” video done by University Communications. Worth watching. It talks not only about how hard we've worked, but also about the effect of racial violence, political turmoil, the forest fires. Video is helpful in capturing what we struggled with and challenges we faced over the past year.

President McConnell: Top of mind is community safety for tomorrow during the inauguration. Have been working on this for a long time, knowing this year was going to be really tumultuous. The Public Safety Team sent out a message on Friday, and CSUPD has been doing work around racial justice and how to protect campus from white supremacists. The CSU Health Network sent out a message Friday to faculty and students to share mental health resources for students, staff, and faculty. Vice President Blanche Hughes also sent a message to students and re-emphasized the Principles of Community.

President McConnell: Understands that there is mistrust in some of the institutions, but we need to work with them. The FBI and other organizations have been helping us evaluate if white supremacists are coming to campus. Have seen no evidence of white supremacists planning on coming to campus, despite that there are flyers that have been posted. We are investigating those. Reminded members that if they hear or know of anything, intel is important and to call CSUPD right away.

President McConnell: We have a Board of Governors meeting and retreat in February. In December, we presented the research report. We are getting a lot of support from the Board about the legislative session. It has been pushed back from January 13th to the second week of February because of the pandemic. Met with the senator and our delegates. The most relevant bill for higher education is that Senator Kathy Kip is sponsoring a “test optional” bill. We had been advocating for this prior to the pandemic, and now the legislator is taking this up again. Vice President Leslie Taylor can update on specific options.

President McConnell: Roe Bubar is in place as interim Vice President for Diversity. They are working on a request to identify all the trainings throughout campus. Once we have a full inventory, we can identify where our strengths or weaknesses are, and where redundancies may be, any gaps. Then we can really look how we want to do this training, how we will focus on it and do it better.

President McConnell: Encouraged members to engage in the process for searching for the new Vice President for Diversity. Christine Agular is the liaison. They are working closely with Dean Karen Estlund, who is chairing the search committee, and the committee itself. This inclusive process is important, a lot of people want to weigh in on various stages in the search, including the initial writing of the position description. People are encouraged to participate and to reach out to Dean Estlund with any questions. There is a stakeholder session tomorrow from 3:00pm to 4:00pm, and you can register online.

President McConnell: Great news on the COVID front. We now have a very coordinated approach, even moreso than last semester. Marc Barker is now in role of Assistant Vice President for Safety and Risk Services. In this position, will be able to handle all of the logistics rather than it being decentralized.

President McConnell: Held a Town Hall last Friday. We will be running it again, we had around 1,000 people sign up and many couldn't make it due to the 500-person cap on Zoom meetings. The next one will be on Thursday, January 21st from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. It will have the same content as last Friday.

President McConnell: Highest number of questions in Town Hall were around vaccines. There has been some significant slow-down in the supply chain. We have not yet received vaccines on campus but will soon. We will only be receiving a small number, around 300, and will be inoculating our most vulnerable first. We are working closely with the Colorado Department of Public Health. Received a question on Friday that needed clarification. The governor has been talking about educators being a high priority, but he clarified that he is talking about K-12 educators, not us. We are working very hard with the department to make them understand we are also educators, and that makes us vulnerable.

Chair Doe: Commented in the chat that it is good to hear that our University is advocating for faculty as educators, as we are working with a student group at great risk of carrying the virus.

President McConnell: There was a small fire in Pinion residence hall on Sunday. Everyone is fine, there was no one hurt. There was a small fire in the HVAC system, which was put out quickly. Students evacuated quickly and followed protocols, were able to get back inside quickly.

Antonio Pedros-Gascon: Asked in the chat: Since Athletic Director Joe Parker may have already prepared the presentation, can we have the budget info on athletics we included in the minutes before the February meeting of Faculty Council? Stated that this would allow faculty to get a better understanding rather than being given tons of data in ten minutes.

Chair Doe: Have requested that we obtain the budget briefing but have not received anything yet.

President McConnell: Spoke with Athletic Director Parker today, and he is prepared to make that available.

Pedros-Gascon: Suggested that if Athletic Director Parker cannot present in February that it be pushed to March. Requested that there just be enough time for submitting so we can have a better understanding.

Andrew Norton: Asked the President to clarify about the vaccines. Asked: Should we expect to receive a vaccine from the University or own healthcare provider?

President McConnell: Depending on age and underlying conditions, you may be able to get one more quickly from your private physician than you will from the University. Recommended that people call their private physicians to figure out what they are planning for their patients.

Chair Doe: Asked about the test optional bill. Wanted to clarify that this was discussing the ACT and SAT tests.

President McConnell: Yes, it was something we were watching closely even before the pandemic. Believe that for our access mission that this would be a positive step forward.

C. Provost/Executive Vice President Report – Mary Pedersen

Provost Mary Pedersen: Received a report this morning about applications for next fall. Encouraged that applications are up 5%, last three years they have increased by 1,000 each year. Residential applications are up 3%, non-residents are up 8%, and international is down by 17%. Will be an area that we need to focus on.

Provost Pedersen: There has been a lot of focus on student mental health. Will be taking a deeper dive this semester as part of student success. We are pulling together various efforts and looking how we can coordinate and integrate some of our student success efforts across campus.

Provost Pedersen: Currently sitting on the Public Safety Team. The CSU Health Network has been presenting the impacts of COVID on students and various resources. President McConnell mentioned that information was sent out last week and they'll be keeping updated on the CSU Health Network resources for their students.

Provost Pedersen: An email went out from Provost Office to all faculty regarding managing divisive conversations in the classroom, provides a link to a number of resources. Encouraged faculty to look at this to help with conversations that may happen this week and into the rest of the semester over our challenging political environment right now.

Provost Pedersen: Have been preparing to increase our capacity for saliva screening. Pandemic Team has been working extremely hard. Ended last semester with the capacity of screening about 1,600 to 1,700 each day, and we are now ramped up and prepared to actually go to the

capacity of 3,000 a day right now. Students started moving in last Thursday. We had almost 1,200 then, and had another 1,300 the next Monday, so numbers are ramping up. Percent positives have been fairly low. We are keeping an eye on that and will increase even more throughout the semester. Expressed excitement about Marc Barker in his new leadership role, coordinating all these efforts.

Provost Pedersen: The RBEI committee has expanded and continues to focus on what we are making a top priority. Interim Vice President Roe Bubar has joined the team. There was a leadership council meeting and a winter retreat to talk about coordination and priorities.

Provost Pedersen: As part of the President's Transformational Strategic Planning, the Deans also had a retreat last week, looking where we can partner across colleges. Excited to continue that conversation.

Chair Doe: Thanked Provost Pedersen. Have seen a lot of mental health resources in terms of students but have been hearing from faculty who are interested in resources for themselves. Question before people is what is the best way for accessing mental health resources that may be available or that need to be available.

Provost Pedersen: Will see what we can pull together for that and give to either the Deans to distribute or figure out the best mechanism to distribute that. We need to provide more clarity around that for faculty.

Vice Provost James: Would always recommend the Employee Assistance Program. They are wonderful for mental health, not just for you, but for family as well.

Pedros-Gascon: Wanted to engage with the problem of receiving less international students. We are expecting to have some students come to our program but were unable to secure visas. Also noted that one of the problems we have with being able to get candidates internationally is the very low stipends. Graduate students have to pay fees and that is a struggle. Suggested that fees be waived, would really make an impact in the lives of our students. Urged this to be considered in addition to the possibility to increase their stipends.

Chair Doe: Commented in the chat that activity fees and health care fees are often crippling for grad students.

Norton: Commented in the chat that he had often wondered whether graduate and undergraduate fee schedules are equitable. Asked: Do grads subsidize undergrads?

Provost Pedersen: Had been discussing this with Dean Mary Stromberger and other Deans. We recognize this issue is really important. We were discussing the process around fee waivers and there are some regulations that don't allow them to just be waived. We realize it is an issue and that there are inequities across the different areas. We are in the process of talking about it and it is on the minds of leadership. Dean Stromberger has this as a high priority and we will continue to see what we can do to push forward with this.

Chair Doe: Asked: Do we have any updates at all about the state budget?

President McConnell: We had a legislative update this morning, then they went out of session. They are going to come back into session, but in the meantime, the system is presenting the budget to the Joint Budget Committee on Thursday, January 21st. The Joint Budget Committee is hearing from all the institutions of higher education. We are still hearing good things about the budget. We haven't heard anything that would make us less optimistic. We would be returning to FY20 levels, where we were before the cut. Many of the universities have joined up to work on uniform budgeting. Metro is not part of that because they believe they are behind on funding relative to others.

Provost Pedersen: Excited about enrollment numbers because enrollment is also a major factor driving the budget. The fact that we have increases in our enrollment, or at least applications, is very encouraging in terms of its impact on the budget.

D. Old Business

E. Action Items

1. New CIOSU – Data Science Research Institute – Committee on University Programs – Mo Salman, Chair

Chair Doe: Asked if there were further comments about the Data Science Research Institute.

Mo Salman: This was reviewed. We gave our comments, suggestions, and recommendations. Everything is well-organized except they did not give a lot of details about the financial arrangement. Up to Executive Committee and Faculty Council to decide whether this is enough to reject or accept it.

Chair Doe: Asked members if this CIOSU was ready to appear on the Faculty Council agenda for February 2nd.

Ruth Hufbauer: Moved.

Sybil Sharvelle: Second.

Chair Doe: Requested a vote in the chat.

Motion approved. Will appear on the agenda for the Faculty Council meeting on February 2nd.

2. CIOSU 2020 Biennial Reviews – Committee on University Programs – Mo Salman, Chair

Salman: Thanked President McConnell and Provost Pedersen for allowing this to move up in the agenda. Described what the Committee on University Programs does. Committee is mainly involved in an approval process for the CIOSUs, centers on the University campus. Have been

on this committee for about ten years. Usually around this time of year, Executive Committee will receive the memo from the Committee on University Programs for the approval process, what we call the biannual renewal, which is outlined in the Manual. Centers submit a progress report every two years to maintain whether they are within their mission and able to continue or not. Two committee members independently review each application, and the chair reviews them all. This year, several applications were not approved. Determined that Executive Committee should review the list of centers that weren't approved. The reasons for not being approved are identified, the majority of them are minor issues. Several are missing a mission statement, some of faculty members who are only in a single department and don't warrant CIOSU status. Provided an example, had been the founder of a CIOSU around fifteen years ago. The budget was not supported, but is still supported by the Food and Agriculture Organization. Discussed concerns expressed previously about centers that are active that are being rejected. Idea is whether we change the Manual definition of these centers, or if we stay with them that it is clear that even though they are not recognized as a campus center doesn't mean they are out.

Chair Doe: Can certainly have a robust conversation around this and what might be done.

Salman: Had discussed with Ellen Fisher that we should review the requirements, the criteria, benefits of centers. Have some centers that are supported by the Vice President for Research, and they are not part of the ones we review.

Chair Doe: Commented that last year when the group came before us, there was some discussion, and it was requested that the Committee on University Programs take a look at the list again before we entered it into the record.

Carole Makela: Asked in the chat: Didn't we have the full application when others went forward to Faculty Council?

Chair Doe: Responded to Makela in the chat. Doesn't recall if that was the case. Stated that it is quite an application, would be surprised in the Faculty Council reviewed the entire application. Asked: Does anyone else recall?

Pedros-Gascon: Responded to Chair Doe in the chat. Doesn't think we review the whole application.

Chair Doe: Asked members if these Biennial Reviews are ready to appear on the Faculty Council agenda for February 2nd.

Norton: Asked: For the centers that are not being renewed or approved, do they have an opportunity to reapply if they address these concerns?

Salman: We already asked them during the application to address any deficit in their application.

Vice Provost Susan James: Posted a section of the Manual in the chat. The Manual says if not approved, they "invite a resubmission of the report or acceptance of its recommendations, with

reference to the policies and procedures for CIOsU oversight and review”. Think the idea is to get a better and more complete report that meets the minimum requirements.

Salman: Just to add to that, they will miss a one-year cycle. Cannot accept them in the middle of the year.

Vice Provost James: Important to recognize that we’re not saying we won’t have a center anymore, just want them to get everything together.

Chair Doe: Thanked Salman for the explanation. Sounds like plenty of explanation was provided to centers. Last year was complicated due to dealing with an outmoded system. Feels it might be time to make this turn, that there are certain expectations.

Salman: Read Hufbauer’s comment from the chat, that the explanation for no formal budget is adequate. If we want to assess the structure and the operation, need even just a couple sentences to see how the center manages.

Chair Doe: Asked if members could make a motion to place the Biennial Reviews onto the Faculty Council agenda for a seat of review.

Yolanda Sarason: Moved.

Linda Meyer: Second.

Motion passed. Will be placed on the agenda for the Faculty Council meeting on February 2nd.

3. S/U Grading and Late Withdrawal Policies Extensions – Committee on Scholastic Standards – Karen Barrett, Chair [This item was proposed by CoSS, CoTL, and FAIR and approved by email vote on January 13, 2021 in order to meet deadlines established by the Undergraduate Teaching Continuity and Recovery Committee]

Chair Doe: Karen Barrett is not in attendance today but will be coming to the Faculty Council meeting on February 2nd to discuss this. Will explain to the Faculty Council why it was necessary for us to move ahead as an Executive Committee and make a decision about these policies. We were asked by the Teaching Continuity Recovery Team to weigh in sooner rather than later so the faculty could have the information earlier. The Committee on Scholastic Standards, the Committee on Teaching and Learning and the FAIR group coordinated to approve this and make their recommendation. We voted on this about a week ago. Entering this into the record. We will talk about this at the Faculty Council meeting. Asked if there were any questions about this.

Sarason: Asked: When will the students be informed of this?

Chair Doe: Believe they have already been notified.

4. Motion on Section E.14 of the Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual – Committee on Responsibilities and Standing of Academic Faculty

Marie Legare: This is on Section E.14, about Performance Reviews. We had queries related to further definition. We should expect things to be clearly laid out in departmental codes. Needs to be documented discriminatory activity.

Chair Doe: When we have items that will change the Manual, at some point the Office of General Counsel wants to take a look, before they appear before the Board of Governors. Any Manual changes go to the Board of Governors and the Office of General Counsel doesn't want to be surprised by the material. We have been asked to always bring changes to the Manual to the Office of General Counsel.

Legare: Agreed with Chair Doe. Feels it is best to work closely with the Office of General Counsel to get the legal terminology down pat so everyone is happy from the beginning. Feels that we are at that spot right now with these changes.

Chair Doe: Asked members if there were any other questions about this.

Sarason: Asked: What if a department does not follow this, if they can't or won't agree upon clear expectations?

Legare: The faculty member may have cause to contact the University Grievance Officer and file a grievance.

Chair Doe: Requested a motion for this to appear on the floor of Faculty Council.

Norton: Moved.

Pedros-Gascon: Second.

Chair Doe: Requested a vote in the chat.

Motion passed. Will appear on the agenda for the Faculty Council meeting on February 2nd.

5. Motion on Section C.2 of the Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual – Committee on Faculty Governance – Steve Reising, Chair

Steve Reising: This follows nicely after the MLK holiday. Thanked the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force for all their work. This is to demonstrate the support and commitment of faculty for diversity, equity, and inclusion and to promote the University's Principles of Community. We are proposing to update the language from diversity and equal opportunity to make it work toward achieving the University's diversity, equity, and inclusion goals. Described the three changes for the Deans, department heads, and University officers.

Pedros-Gascon: Have been trying to update the way in which the evaluation of the President happens. See in this point that it is not changed, it indicates that the performance of the President is evaluated by the Board, and the Board solicits opinion from faculty which are provided by the Faculty Council and its Executive Committee. Doesn't feel it is explained there.

Chair Doe: Believe item E in this section covers all officers.

Reising: Confirmed that this is correct. Believes item E applies to department heads, Deans, Vice Presidents, and the President.

Chair Doe: Noted in the chat that because this is a Section C change, if we agree that this is ready to stand debate on the floor of Faculty Council, then it needs to go out to the Faculty Council today, two weeks ahead of the meeting on February 2nd.

Jennifer Peel: Asked in the chat: Given the previous conversation about Section E changes, do these changes need to be reviewed by the Office of General Counsel?

Vice Provost James: Confirmed in the chat that Chair Doe has sent both the Section C and Section E changes to Jannine Mohr for approval.

Hufbauer: There might be a bit of discussion on what is "substantial." Demonstrable can be demonstrated.

Reising: Can answer this question if it comes up. A lot of these things are qualitative judgment, or with respect to what is expected. Means a level you know above some threshold, commonly understood to be substantial. Could evolve with time.

Chair Doe: That's a good point, it could evolve with time, and it very well might. Maybe that too is appropriate that what amounts to substantial leadership in diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts may be different in two years.

Norton: Suggested doing a word search for "substantial" within the Manual to see if it is commonly used.

Vice Provost James: Stated in the chat that "substantial" is in the Manual seventeen times, and "substantially" is used nine times.

Chair Doe: Asked if members were ready to hear a motion to place this on the agenda for the Faculty Council meeting on February 2nd?

Meyer: Moved.

Sarason: Second.

Chair Doe: Asked if there was any further discussion. Requested a vote in the chat.

Motion passed. Will be placed on the agenda for the Faculty Council meeting on February 2nd.

6. Receive the Completed Task Force Reports

Chair Doe: Noted that at the last meeting we did not have a motion to place these into the record. These cannot be altered, can just put them into the record. Wanted to call attention again to the RBEI Task Force report, the IT Task Force report, and the Shared Governance Task Force report. Will give a bit of an update on each of these in Chair report. Will hear from Paul Doherty about the Intellectual Property Task Force. Asked: Are there any objections to placing these reports into the record?

No objections raised. Reports received. Will be placed on consent agenda for the Faculty Council meeting on February 2nd.

- a. RBEI Task Force Report – Vice Provost Susan James, Vice-Chair Ruth Hufbauer, and Chair Doe
- b. IT Task Force Report – Chair Doe
- c. Shared Governance Task Force Report – Carole Makela
- d. Intellectual Property Task Force Report – Stephanie Clemons and Paul Doherty

Chair Doe: Paul Doherty and the Intellectual Property Task Force has brought us some fairly important information that our Provost is aware of, and that they would like to make the Executive Committee aware of. We will enter report into the record, but there is going to need to be some additional work around this. There is some urgency related to it.

Paul Doherty: Stephanie Clemons was unable to attend. Served on this small task force with Clemons and Tim Gallagher. The Task Force focused on intellectual property concerns. Commented that Section J of the Manual, on rights and responsibilities related to creative works, has not been revised in twenty years, so that is a big part of some of the issues. We specifically focused last semester on Canvas and teaching materials. Statements had been posted on the CSU website stating that any materials on Canvas were owned by CSU and the faculty member. Chris LaBelle and Vice President Brandon Bernier were involved in these meetings. Particularly relevant since many of us have been teaching online and placing more of our materials on Canvas and online because of the pandemic.

Doherty: We have some recommendations and was trying to remove some of these intellectual property statements regarding teaching materials, about the co-ownership and just refer to Section J. Still have the problem of different interpretations. We would really like to have the Provost institute a stopgap measure until Section J is revised, basically saying anything you put into Canvas is sole ownership of faculty, unless there is a different contractual agreement. Hoping to have this happen before spring semester. Going forward, we need to revise Section J and educate constituents around campus. Stated that we are fortunate to have a Provost who understands this issue and faculty concerns.

Vice Provost James: Was going back over the email trail about immediate action. Wanted to implement these recommendations back in December. This was agreed upon and was sent to President McConnell and Jannine Mohr and was then sent along to Linda Schutjer. Will need to follow up to get that ball rolling again.

Doherty: Some of the statements have been removed from the websites. Concern is now because you have some people referring to Section J that there is potential from different interpretations.

Vice Provost James: As was mentioned, Section J is twenty years old, there is so much wrong with it. Schutjer has had it on the list to revise for a year, and it is definitely time to.

Chair Doe: Asked if there was any further discussion. Thanked Doherty and the task force for their work and for bringing forward this important information. Will be following up with Vice Provost James regarding the timeline.

Chair Doe: There is no action needed at this time but will be followed up on. Asked members if they are interested in being involved to reach out. The Task Force may be done, but the issues have not gone away.

F. Reports

1. Faculty Council Chair Report – Sue Doe

Chair Doe: Have a few things to discuss. Recent work revolved around the construction of our statement regarding student athletes and the advocacy offices. The statement has been posted. There have been the tiniest of ripples and am eager to hear any feedback. Other employee councils indicated that they were following our lead, so we may see statements coming from them.

Chair Doe: In addition to the Intellectual Property Task Force, where we need people to pick up the mantle, the IT Task Force has suggested a new standing committee, The committee would help inform the campus and make decisions around technology upgrades. Vice President Bernier came from University of Wisconsin, Madison, where there was very strong faculty involvement in shared governance. His office supports the idea of greater faculty involvement. More discussion around that to come.

Chair Doe: The Shared Governance Task Force produced recommendations that are now in front of the Committee on Faculty Governance regarding integration of language around shared governance. Makela lead this task force and discovered the references and assurances of shared governance were not as robust as one might hope.

Chair Doe: Have seen what came out of the RBEI Task Force, with the changes to Sections C and E. Will see what they accomplish as those come down in front of Faculty Council.

Chair Doe: The Presidential Survey Task Force is working hard, thanked members for their feedback. They will be coming back to us at a later date to discuss this.

Chair Doe: At our previous meeting in December, it was mentioned that the University Benefits Committee had been discussing some shortcoming that they see in our benefits. This is not the first time we have had this discussion. Would be great if we could hear from the University Benefits Committee and am working to get them on the agenda for an upcoming meeting.

Chair Doe: Have gone back to three things that were recommended in the fall at our October 6th meeting around COVID and the responsibility of the University.

- Creation of a bioethics group.
- Enhanced communication to faculty.
- Invitation to Athletic Director Parker for a conversation around the budget briefing.

Athletic Director Parker will be coming to us, and the University Communications team has been overwhelmed. Have queried to Vice Provost James and Vice President Alan Rudolph about a bioethics group, and am waiting to hear back. Wanted to provide an update to ensure the recommendations that came out of these fall meetings are not lost.

Pedros-Gascon: Have been contacted by both student and administrative people that work for athletics that they were happy about this statement. The fact that others were waiting for us illustrates why we couldn't wait to post it. Asked if this will be presented to the Faculty Council for their endorsement or not.

Chair Doe: Will appear in the agenda so they can at least see it. If desired, a motion could be made for the Faculty Council as a whole to endorse the statement or take some other action.

Pedros-Gascon: Had indicated at the beginning of last semester that it would be interesting to have the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics come and visit us. Believes now is the moment for them to come visit and explain what they knew about the culture. Raises questions about why the mandate of that committee, the well-being of the students, wasn't raised.

Chair Doe: Agreed with Pedros-Gascon. Will work to get them on the calendar.

2. Board of Governors Report – see written report from Stephanie Clemons

Board of Governors report submitted by Stephanie Clemons.

G. Discussion Items

1. Return to Draft of Resolution Regarding Unit/Department Responsibility for Course Quality, Delivery Method/Instructional Format, and Timely Notification – Brad Goetz and Carole Makela

Chair Doe: Asked Brad Goetz and Makela what their feelings on the resolution were at this point.

Brad Goetz: Was left in limbo before break. Unsure if the situation has changed enough at this point, but we want to get this on their radar at some point in the near future.

Makela: The point is having departments provide more information so students can plan ahead. Students started asking at the beginning of last week because information wasn't forthcoming or it was difficult to interpret their schedules. Have seen student complaints because they haven't been able to plan ahead because they didn't have the information they needed.

Chair Doe: Believes this is time sensitive. If we want to consider a resolution, should be thinking about doing it sooner rather than later. Resolution has already received a substantial amount of attention in terms of its writing. Asked if members were ready to have a motion for this resolution to appear before the Faculty Council.

Makela: Moved, to appear before Faculty Council at the February meeting.

Norton: Second.

Chair Doe: Asked: Is there any further discussion? Requested a vote in the chat.

Motion passed. Will appear on the agenda for the Faculty Council meeting on February 2nd.

Norton: Asked about the status of posting resolutions on the Faculty Council website.

Chair Doe: Clarified that there is a menu item on the Faculty Council website, labeled as "Statements and Resolutions." If the group would like to examine this, we are happy to hear suggestions.

Makela: Thanked Chair Doe and Amy Barkley for getting this on the website in a timely manner. Stated that previous resolutions could only be found by looking through previous Faculty Council agendas.

Meyer: Asked: Assuming this resolution is aimed towards departments and other units that deliver courses, will this be sent to department heads so that they are aware of that?

Chair Doe: Great point. Asked Vice Provost James what the best mechanism would be for that.

Vice Provost James: Would consider taking it to Vice Provost Kelly Long and the Teaching Continuity Committee to see what they think. At least give them a heads up that this is going to be voted on at Faculty Council on February 2nd to start considering what to do once it passes.

H. Faculty Presentations

Executive Committee adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Sue Doe, Chair
Ruth Hufbauer, Vice Chair
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