**Academic Senate Executive Committee Minutes**

**Monday, April 1, 2024**

**Hovey 419, 4:00 P.M.**

Chairperson Horst called meeting to order @ 4:00 pm and declared a quorum.

There were no public comments.

***Approval of the minutes from January 29, 2024 and March 18, 2024***

Motioned by: Senator Fulton

Seconded by: Senator Beddow

No additions or corrections

Unanimous approval

***Oral Communications:***

Chairperson Horst asked the committee if they would like to request that Jeri Beggs come to the Academic Senate on April 10 to convey her answers to some follow up questions from senators. The Executive Committee decided to distribute her answers via email.

***Distributed Communications:***

***From Martha Horst, Executive Committee (Information Item on 04/10/2024)***

***Article V Consent Agenda Proposed Revision***

Chairperson Horst: Alice Maginnis reviewed this document. Tracy asked if we should have the Senate Action Request mentioned? I believe having the possibility of conveying material to the Senate in another way is still important.

Senator Mainieri: I think an electronic form would be sufficient.

Chairperson Horst: If a senator had an objection, would it be passed through the executive committee? You used to have to request for something to pass through the consent agenda, does this still apply to policy items?

Senator Mainieri and Cline suggested placing curricular items to replace “item.”

Senator Mainieri: What happens to minutes that are removed from the consent agenda?

Senator Cline: we could add: “any minutes that are pulled will go to the floor.”

Senator Mainieri: If we know both minutes and information items can be pulled and put into the agenda, why don’t we just say curricular items?

Senator Cline: I wanted to make sure that policy items went to the floor as information items first.

Senator Mainieri: That’s why we have “non-curriculum” items.

Chairperson Horst: Revise to say “Any non-curriculum items that are removed from the consent agenda will…”

Senator Nikolaou: Why are we letting a policy on the consent agenda after it has been presented as an information item? If it is to decrease the time in meetings, it can actually increase time.

Senator Cline: By nature if it is on the consent agenda, it is an information item, that is why it is important for things to go through the information stage.

Chairperson Horst: There are a lot of policies that we go through that are non-controversial; by focusing our time on the items that are more controversial, it should make meetings go easier.

Senator Nikolaou: I feel as though this will still hinder out meeting times, but also I feel as though senators will be less likely to look through the consent agenda if they are just passed through.

Chairperson Horst and Senator Cline: This is why the executive committee will always be running through the items before they are placed on the consent agenda; the policy that we have used before does not really work for policy items.

Senator Mainieri: I feel as though at the beginning of the next senate this will have a bit of training behind it, having the chair, whoever that will be, to go through with new senators about how to go through the consent agenda and how our meeting will work.

Chairperson Horst: Let’s just try it out and see if it works!

***From Kate Sheridan, University Policy Committee***

***Policy 3.3.12c Appendix to Code of Ethics – Involvement in Political Activities***

Chairperson Horst: I did receive an edit from Jeannie. I had concerns about how this would affect our faculty union and she commented that it was fine with her edit.

Senator Cline: This is JUST applying to faculty, not staff? that is not clear; and also why don’t staff have the same rights? Our most prominent serving political person is a staff member, not faculty.

Senator Bonell: This is a state law, so it needs to be put in place.

Chairperson Horst: I will send an email to see if this is affecting staff along with faculty.

***Policy 1.19 Protection of Minors***

Chairperson Horst: Alice Maginnis said this policy was acceptable to go to the floor.

Senator Mainieri: Does this really need to go through our senate if we don’t have much control of this policy on the forefront? How much can we actually change in this policy? I think for the future, we should be looking at our efficiency with how many times we discuss policy.

Senator Cline: People need to understand that we will not be able to change much within our senate as it is a state law, just like with other policy we have reviewed.

Chairperson Horst: There are clearly elements of this that fall in the academic area, broadly conceived.

***From Tom Lucey, Faculty Affairs Committee***

***Policy 4.1.10 Intellectual Property***

Chairperson Horst: Alice Maginnis commented about the terms of employment that the union could object to, and I believe that will be struck; the main changes are striking the language that specifies that there needs to be an optional assignment for students.

Student Body President Monk: This will be an inevitability with the new college of engineering that students will have to work with a third party.

***Policy 4.1.11 Export Control***

No comments or discussion

***From Tracy Mainieri, Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee***

***Policy 3.2.13 Administrator Selection***

Senator Mainieri: We attached a memo to this policy; we see major changes of minimum term of employment for people to serve on a research committee, appointing officers for said committees, no one officially serves as a secretary for these so that has been removed, and CEIO to be added.

Chairperson Horst: I just talked with Jeannie, and she conveyed to me that it is confusing who this policy applies to, as it states “All searches.” She did say it was a good thing for ISU to have a statement about the worth of open searches, but the way it’s written, it is confusing as to who it applies to.

President Tarhule: I believe that last year one of the problems was there was not enough search advocates.

Senator Mainieri: We think that it is important that efforts are being made for this system.

Student Body President Monk: for the student representatives, all of those are selected from the association, do we have a system for how we do these selections?

Senator Beddow: We don’t currently have a process, should we?

Student Body President Monk: It sounds very broad to me as to any process, should we have this list be voted on? We should standardize this more for the future of the association.

President Tarhule: It states that someone from faculty needs to be here for 9 months before you can serve on the committee; what about the college of engineering?

Provost Yazedjian: I would say they would have to make a request to exec.

Senator Cline: Does this need to be exec? Or can it just be administrative leaders?

Senator Nikolaou: It all depends on how it is worded, though because who are the leaders and how do we make that judgment?

Chairperson Horst: I believe we should leave it to the chair of the academic senate’s discretion. So, instead of “Senate leaders”, it should say “Chair of the Academic Senate.”

Senator Nikolaou: But if we make it the decision of just one person, how does that make it equal? Why don’t we have the chair and others from committees or senate? More comments added to talk about with this committee,… are we defining the administrator the same way we do in 2 A?

This will be going to the floor.

***Policy 3.2.16 Academic Dean Responsibilities, Appointment, Compensation, and Evaluations***

Chairperson Horst: I was wondering about the leaves?

Senator Mainieri: This edit was done last year, and we were going to leave it in saying they were not eligible.

Senator Nikolaou: This also talked about administrative leave along with sabbatical , they are eligible with other leaves just not sabbatical.

Senator Cline: Most of the deans are in charge of space and facilities now and not just resources.

President Tarhule: On the top of page 3, is there any possibility that someone can be a dean outside of being a professor?

Senator Nikolaou: You should be able to evaluate individuals at the same rate or below.

President Tarhule: What about is someone isn’t a full professor or department chair?

Senator Cline: They would have been given full professor designation at the time.

Senator Nikolaou: The policy allows for this; the president and the provost can make it happen.

***AIF Report***  *- no comments*

***\*\*Approval of Proposed Senate Agenda– See pages below\*\****

Motion to approve the agenda: Senator Beddow

Second: Senator Fulton

Agenda approved by committee

***From Office of General Counsel: Policy 2.1.2 (Assigned to AABC on 10/16/2023)*** *–* discussion postponed until next meeting.

***VP Evaluation Survey Results (Provost and VP Student Affairs)***

Chairperson Horst will research what changes were made to the VP Evaluation Surveys in 2022-2023 and see if additional changes are needed.

***– Executive Session***

Motion to move into executive session: Senator Blum

Second: Senator Mainieri

Approved by committee

The committee discussed aspects of the VP Evaluation survey results and other personnel items.

Motion to exit executive session: Senator Cline

Seconded: Senator Fulton

Approval by committee

***Adjournment***

Motion to adjourn: Senator Fulton

Seconded: Senator Beddow

Approval of meeting adjournment at 5:25 pm

***Proposed* Academic Senate Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

**OLD MAIN ROOM, BONE STUDENT CENTER**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 50th CELEBRATION OF ACADEMIC SENATE**

**IN OLD MAIN ROOM**

***Call to Order***

***Roll Call***

***Public Comment: All speakers must sign in with the Senate Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.***

***Approval of the Academic Senate minutes of***

***Chairperson's Remarks***

***Student Body President's Remarks***

***Administrators' Remarks***

* ***President Aondover Tarhule***
* ***Interim Provost Ani Yazedjian***
* ***Vice President for Student Affairs Levester Johnson***
* ***Interim Vice President for Finance and Planning Dan Petree***

***Action Items:***

***From Dimitrios Nikolaou, Academic Affairs Committee***

*Policy 4.1.20 Final Course Grade Challenge Policy*

*03.21.24.07 Policy 4.1.20 Final Course Grade Challenge (Current Copy)*

*03.21.24.08 Policy 4.1.20 Final Course Grade Challenge (Mark Up Copy)*

*03.21.24.09 Policy 4.1.20 Final Course Grade Challenge (Clean Copy)*

***From Craig Blum: Rules Committee***

***03.08.24.10 Memo Bylaws Changes***

*Voting Procedures of the Academic Senate -Article III*

*02.15.24.04 Voting Procedures Article III Elections Current Copy*

*03.08.24.05 Voting Procedures Article III Elections Mark Up*

*03.08.24.06 Voting Procedures Article III Elections Clean*

***From Eduardo Monk, Jr., Student Caucus***

*02.27.24.01 Policy 2.1.27 Student Bereavement Current Copy*

*03.21.24.18 Policy 2.1.27 Student Bereavement Mark Up Copy*

*03.21.24.19 Policy 2.1.27 Student Bereavement Clean Copy*

***From Tom Lucey, Faculty Affairs Committee***

*Policy 4.1.13*

*03.08.24.01 Policy 4.1.13 Classified Research (Current Copy)*

*03.07.24.02 Policy 4.1.13 Classified Research (Mark Up Copy)*

*03.07.24.03 Policy 4.1.13 Classified Research (Clean Copy)*

***From Rick Valentin, Planning and Finance Committee***

*Policy 5.1.7*

*03.07.24.04 Policy 5.1.7 Smoke and Tobacco-Free Campus (Current Copy)*

*03.07.24.05 Policy 5.1.7 Smoke and Tobacco-Free Campus (Mark Up Copy)*

*03.07.24.06 Policy 5.1.7 Smoke and Tobacco-Free Campus (Clean Copy)*

***From Tracy Mainieri, Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee***

*COE Dean Evaluation Form*

*03.08.24.13 COE Dean Evaluation Form (Current Copy)*

*03.21.24.16 COE Dean Evaluation Form (Mark Up Copy)*

*03.21.24.17 COE Dean Evaluation Form (Clean Copy)*

***Information Items:***

***From Kate Sheridan, University Policy Committee***

*Policy 3.3.12c Appendix to Code of Ethics – Involvement in Political Activities*

*Policy 1.19 Protection of Minors*

***From Tracy Mainieri, Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee***

*Policy 3.2.13 Administrator Selection*

*Policy 3.2.16 Academic Dean Responsibilities, Appointment, Compensation, and Evaluations*

*AIF Report*

***From Tom Lucey, Faculty Affairs Committee***

*Policy 4.1.11 Export Control*

*Policy 4.1.10 Intellectual Property*

***From Martha Horst, Executive Committee***

*Article V Consent Agenda Proposed Revision*

*03.28.24.01 Article Revisions to Consent Agenda (Current Copy)*

*03.28.24.02 Article Revisions to Consent Agenda (Mark Up Copy)*

*03.28.24.03 Article Revisions to Consent Agenda (Clean Copy)*

***Internal Committee Reports:***

* ***Academic Affairs Committee: Senator Nikolaou***
* ***Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee: Senator Mainieri***
* ***Faculty Affairs Committee: Senator Lucey***
* ***Planning and Finance Committee: Senator Valentin***
* ***Rules Committee: Senator Blum***
* ***University Policy Committee: Senator Sheridan***

***Communications***

***Adjournment***