**Academic Senate Executive Committee Minutes**

**Monday, March 16, 2020**

**By Zoom**

**Approved**

***Call to Order***

***Academic Senate Chairperson Susan Kalter called the meeting to order.***

Senator Kalter: We've got everybody here, I think, We've got a Jalyn here present. We've got Alex under, under Angel Zamudio’s computer. We've got Isaac, and in the room, we've got all the faculty except for Tracy who's on. And then we've got Jan on as well, and Dr. Dietz in the room. So, welcome. Thank you for coming. And how are you all doing?

President Dietz: Just great.

Senator Ferrence: I think how are we all doing is a common question that we have to ask whenever we do this over the next six months.

Senator Kalter: Yeah, six months, to a year, to a year and a half, right.

***Oral Communications:***

***Distributed Communications:***

***03.13.20.01 From Senator Blum: Email Senate Zoom Meeting- COVID 19***

***03.12.20.02 From Martha Horst: Academic Senate Bylaws Current Copy***

***03.10.20.05 From Martha Horst: Academic Senate Bylaws medical emergency additions Mark Up***

***03.12.20.01 From Martha Horst: Academic Senate Bylaws medical emergency additions ,Clean Copy***

Senator Kalter: I'm gonna kind of go out of order on the agenda, as I often do. And we're going to start basically with the first couple of items, Oral Communications, the email from Craig Blum, and the Senate bylaws, and kind of wrap all of that together. And I kind of wanted to start by just asking people what their thoughts are right now, regarding moving forward with a Zoom meeting for Senate next week.

Senator Horst: I would say that, you know, I don't know about other people, but I have young children, and I'm under a lot of stress right now. My children are home 24/7. There's no playdates. There's no babysitters. I'm trying to figure out how to school them. I'm trying to figure out what to do with my classes. You know, the food situation is getting crazy. And it's just very, very stressful. So, I just think we should cancel.

Senator Kalter: The March 25 meeting.

Senator Horst: Absolutely.

Senator Kalter: Other people and their thoughts.

Senator Crowley: I'm not sure I'm a reasonable alternative. I don't have any kids. So, it doesn't matter to me one way or the other. But I am concerned about pulling together some kind of a quorum.

Senator Kalter: Um-hum.

Senator Crowley: That might be a bit of a challenge.

President Dietz: I might mention that I just got off of a conference call with the presidents, and chancellors, and also the executive director of IBHE, and the chair of IBHE. And there was a Governor's call right before that, or press conference, I should say. In terms of the Open Meetings thing, that has all been relaxed, so you don't have to physically be present. Zoom is okay. So, the idea that, you know, you need to have so many people in the room. I don't think… we haven’t received any written information about that, but that was the consensus of the head of IBHE, was that was all going to be relaxed. All those rules were going to be relaxed, and the quorum, and all that kind of thing. A lot of institutions are also having board meetings. And a lot of the board members don't want to get together in a room, and then Zoom in, and those kinds of things. So, hopefully, we'll hear something official in the next 24-48 hours. So, frankly, all this stuff is moving so fast. It's hard to get documents on this thing.

Senator Kalter: Yeah.

President Dietz: But that was a verbal report.

Senator Kalter: That is really good to hear, Larry. I had asked Lisa Huson last week, can you find out where we are going to be with the Open Meetings Act. And her advice as counsel, before your meeting today, was move forward with it anyway, right, and we'll pick up the pieces later. It was that kind of thing. But it's good to know now that we're talking to people a little bit above. Because whether we have a meeting on March 25, I think it's probably going to be advisable for us to at least have an April meeting, partly because it's in our Constitution, and partly because of the need to update the campus, and simply the need to move certain things forward.

President Dietz: I think the bigger issue is what Martha earlier touched on, which is, is everybody's head going to be in this game, versus they've just started doing stuff online that they may not have done before. They may have kids at home that aren’t use to the scenario that we’re in. And whether or not people are really… their heads in the game enough… So, I think it's time to be humane about all that, is my sense. Because there's a lot of stress right now.

Senator Kalter: So, let's hear from everybody about this. I don't want to have just two or three people weigh in. Why don't we actually start with the people who are on Zoom? I'm going to go from this side of the room as we see it, to this side, starting with Tracy, then Isaac, skipping Greg for the moment, then going to Alex, and then going to the Provost, who looks like she just unmuted. Were you going to say something, Jan?

Provost Murphy: No, I was just going to agree with the idea of going to Zoom. I think any social distancing whatsoever we can do is advisable. So, you know, I'm not even going to have one on one meetings. I'm going to have telephone meetings, and Zoom meetings one on one. I just think we need to kind of spread out and keep as much distance as we can to protect… for me, you know, I don't have kids at home, but I have an elderly mother who depends on me. So, I think we just all will try to keep ourselves healthy, and our children, and our families healthy. And I think this is one more way to do that. So, I think it's a great idea. I appreciate you taking the leadership on that.

Senator Kalter: Thank you. And I think we have to do it anyway, because Dr. Dietz has banned 50 person meetings. So, we as a Senate, we are 54 voting members, and I think 62 total members, plus all of the guests that often arrive from the Provost office, etc. So, whenever we decide to schedule a meeting, whether it's the March meeting or the first April meeting, we'll have to do it by Zoom.

President Dietz: My understanding is that that 50s going down to 10.

Senator Kalter: Yes, yes. Did today actually. The White House has put out an advisory…

Senator Ferrence: Yesterday it also says academic institutions are exempt in the CDC’s thing.

Senator Kalter: Tracy, why don’t you weigh in?

Senator Mainieri: I agree with Martha’s comments. I think as much as we can reduce the number of things on people's brains right now the better. And I don't see anything on our agenda that is time sensitive, or needs to be pushed through immediately. So, I think definitely this next meeting, giving people the grace to go deal with all the other things on their minds, I think would be the best course of action.

Senator Kalter: And Isaac, what about you?

Senator Hollis: Um, I basically agree with what everyone was saying. I do think, just because of, like, what has been put out already. And like you say, like the whole that we… like, not have gatherings of 50. It just makes sense to make sure that it’s accessible to everybody and also what is impacting people differently. And so, to be accessible to everyone. You know, give them that week off for other things. And then we can continue doing it by Zoom

Senator Kalter: Great. Thank you. And what about you, Alex?

Senator Campbell: I agree with Senator Mainieri. I think that based on sort of the policies we're looking at, I don't think it's necessary to have a meeting, especially amongst like, all this turmoil and like uncertainty. I think if we can, sort of, like get our stuff together moving forward, having Zoom meetings, and things like that could be more advantageous. But I see that as possibly being rough logistically on a lot of folks. So, I would be in favor of canceling this upcoming meeting.

Senator Kalter: How about you, Jalyn?

Senator Jones: Yeah, I agree. I think we should cancel it just as a precaution.

Senator Kalter: Not do it by Zoom, but just cancel it all together.

Senator Jones: Yeah. I think we should cancel it all together, because Alex brings up a good point about the limitations in Zoom, especially with accessibility or whatever for other faculty. So, canceling it in general might be the best option.

Senator Kalter: Yeah, so maybe getting those kinks worked out on Zoom while people are doing their classes, and then in the next month, they would be worked out, and we might be able to have the April meeting by Zoom.

Senator Jones: Yeah.

Senator Kalter: Okay. Dimitrios.

Senator Nikolaou: Yeah, I agree to that. Obviously, we would have to do it through Zoom. But especially with kids, or with elderly parents, or family that you know, it's going to be too many things in several people's mind, so I'm in favor of just cancelling it.

Senator Kalter: Maybe I should just say to the remaining three, do the three of you who haven't spoken agree? That we should be aiming for an April 8 or something like that? April, but just cancel the March meeting? Yeah?

Senator Marx: Right.

Senator Ferrence: I would agree. I'm wondering, I guess there's a stagger, right? Because the week that we're not having the meeting, normally, that's when the students are having their meeting. But it would be nice if before we actually have the next Senate meeting, which is likely to end up being by Zoom if we could at least have a subset of Senate attempt and practice transferring the gavel among each other, because it's very different pushing out a lecture to 150 people and having a room full of 50 or 60 people that are all trying to talk, and we have to have a very clear protocol. It's more or less Roberts, but if we had some way to practice as a larger group before then, not official, but just so that we can see whether it's going to be sheer chaos or not.

Senator Kalter: That's a really good idea. I think it is helpful that we're already under Robert's Rules. So, even though sometimes I allow people to sort of just speak, it really is you are supposed to have the chairperson call on you, and stuff like that. And I think the hard part about Zoom is sometimes people have their mics muted, sometimes they accidentally don't, and so you can get sort of noise chaos going on in the background.

Senator Ferrence: Correct. But I think the presider of a Zoom message can actually control the mics. So, if you had one person whose job was to sit there and shut down any mic, and then when you call the floor, they turn that mic on, you might be able to navigate that space.

Senator Marx: That'll work.

Senator Kalter: Yeah. Jan Murphy has raised her hand.

Provost Murphy: I was just going to show you that you can also raise your hand.

Senator Marx: Exactly. I was going to say that.

Provost Murphy: Then the chair of the Senate can call on them so, that works out great.

Senator Marx: Exactly. A nice, nice demo.

Senator Horst: How do you do that?

Senator Marx: There's a button you push to raise your hand. Yeah.

Senator Horst: There's a button. Reactions?

Senator Marx: So, yes, under there.

Senator Horst: Yeah. You know, I don’t have that. I was meeting with somebody else and I think that's not on Macs, but it is on Dells, and that kind of thing.

Senator Marx: The PC version.

Senator Horst: I don't have the reactions button.

Senator Nikolaou: It should be. If you go into chat..

Senator Marx: It should be there in the tools somewhere.

Senator Horst: That’s what I'm saying, I don’t have that.

Senator Crowley: On the chat thing, I have a question.

Senator Horst: Yeah, you could do it in the chat room. Right.

Senator Mainieri: I wonder if I could interject for a second. As we think forward using Zoom, although it's a powerful tool, and I'm going to echo Alex, and I couldn't really hear Jalyn, very well, but I think it's what she said. Even if we worked out the kinks on our end, there's going to be particularly students who their internet is just not capable of doing this, or they don't have a reliable way to access Zoom. So, I think we're going to need to be really intentional to make sure everyone has the same amount of access, regardless of where they are, and what their technical capabilities are when they don't have access to ISUs infrastructure.

Senator Kalter: One of the things I'm also thinking is that I think it's more a matter of when we do a Zoom meeting than if we do one, and a practice one is a great idea, Greg. Because I think we're going to have to expect, as with this meeting, that things are going to take a little longer, which is kind of okay, because people will be at home so it won't be like I'm trying to get home, you know, it's late at night. But it's also kind of stressful because it is going longer than you expect. But there will be these sort of staggers where you have to pause and make sure that you've gotten everything and then go on. So, I think that maybe we should do a practice. And then I'm also wondering, given Craig Blum’s email, is there a need for us to have simply Administrator Remarks at a meeting next week to have a chance for question and answer to the teams about what's going on. And I don't know how you and Jan feel about that. But I wanted to make sure to ask that, sort of, intentionally, as Tracy said, at this meeting, because in some ways, you're already pushing stuff out with the written stuff and all of that. And you may want to have that be the only way that things are getting communicated. Or it may be helpful to you to have a kind of a platform through the Senate to have a more, kind of looser Q&A. So, I'm gonna say that's up to you all.

President Dietz: I think both of us would be amenable to having that kind of format. So, you’re talking about next…

Senator Kalter: On the 25th.

President Dietz: That is, would not follow the format. It would just be Administrative Remarks and then Q&A.

Senator Kalter: Right.

President Dietz: Around Covid-19.

Senator Kalter: Right, with no other agenda. Just a time for people to talk to their leaders, the four vice… you and the three vice presidents.

President Dietz: Yeah. I think we could do that. There's some other folks I think that ought to be in the room. I’m thinking about some of the folks in the EOC group. Eric Hodges in particular; He’s our EOC coordinator. I wouldn’t want an army of people doing that. What do you think, Jan?

Provost Murphy: Well, I think it's a great idea. I am the mother of a very sad March 27 bride. I was not planning on being there on the 25th, but depending on… they have to make a decision on it tonight, I may be there. If I can't be there, if we are able to move forward with even just a small wedding instead of the, you know, big extravaganza, we've been apparently planning for a year. If I can't be there, then I'll make sure I've got Administrator Remarks and maybe have both Ani and Amy there to help answer questions.

President Dietz: Yeah. I think that’d be good.

Provost Murphy: So, I’m a little bit up in the air until tomorrow, but I would certainly have people there who could answer questions and, you know, concerns, and advice, and all those things. But I think it's a great idea.

Senator Kalter: Okay. So, my next question has to do with internal committees. And so that's why I have all of the internal committee chairs here. My first question, actually, was assuming that we were going to have a meeting. I guess what I'm… what I was going to say about that is that if we ever had a meeting where we had both the internal committees meeting by Zoom and the Senate meeting by Zoom, we would have to bump the internal committees up a little bit earlier in the evening so that we don't have too much electronic weirdness and overlap. Right.

But my main question was, what do the internal committee chairs need? What do they need to get done by the end of the year? If anything? What is your plan? What were your plans before this and where do you think you are able to go, given everything that's going on? For example, in Rules Committee, we absolutely have to do the external seating for the external Senate committees for next year so that we don't have a big gap in all of our external seating. I don't know if you were planning… you know, I remember at the end of our meeting last time, we were planning to try to do CAS bylaws, and that, and that's it, right? But now that this is happening I'm not sure where you're…

Senator Seeman: Right, right. Yeah. And if we only have, yeah, given the logistics of that, two meetings, that whether we could get all that accomplished. So, obviously, we need that external committee time. And remember we had that other cancelled meeting. So there was some possibility of scheduling, some such as another meeting to help with that. So I kind of felt like without doing that, I don't really feel there's much of a chance for us to accomplish all of that without the extra meeting.

Senator Nikolaou: Well, the policies that we had to put up for vote, most of them, they are already either going to be planned, or they are already out. Our main topic was the IDEAS. Either way, I don't think we would be able to finish discussing IDEAS this semester. And in principle, if we wanted to do it in the Academic Affairs, we could use, for example, Teams in a more informal way. Instead of an actual meeting, where we say, every week or you know, that week, for this hour, we're going to have this Zoom meeting. It could be that, you know, Martha has a comment, and then she just posts it at some point on Teams, and then people respond. And then, we do it along those lines.

Senator Marx: Asynchronous

Senator Horst: But that topic is so complicated.

Senator Nikolaou: Yeah.

Senator Horst: It could potentially work if I was like, oh, I'm not sure, but the wording that you came up with here, and then you could respond, but the IDEAS is a huge meta topic.

Senator Nikolaou: Yeah. And for that one, we would need, if we went like that, it would be that we look at, you know, one question, and then we try to figure out what's going on, and then move to the next one. So, again, it's not pressing in the sense that we wouldn't be able to finish it either way, this semester.

Senator Kalter: And I suppose one option to continue the conversation would be Zoom.

Senator Nikolaou: Yeah.

Senator Kalter: If you wanted to, but I'm not sure that it's… well, it sounds like you're thinking it's more practical to think about written comments back and forth, then…

Senator Nikolaou: Zoom would also work. I'm just thinking in terms of if we’re already going to have an extended Senate, some may not be available to go now from, let's say, four to nine. If the Senate starts much earlier, because of the technical issues that we might have. So it's going to be too much.

Senator Marx: We have several things we need to finish up. The AIF report, the presidential survey results, and a couple of policies that we're working on. I'd like to check in with my committee members to see what their availability is outside of our normal time, because we could probably do some of the work outside of that regular meeting time. We've been working on some, for example, the AIF report, I've got a subgroup that's been looking more closely at it. And they should have enough information for us to write a report. Presidential survey, we were at the point where we had gotten through most of the comments. And I think that the group might be ready to decide what goes into the report at this point. Yeah. So really, I think we'll be able to do our work. Certainly before that, and have everything ready for the April meeting.

Senator Kalter: I think the biggest challenge with your work is that we've always tried with the presidential commentary to keep as much as possible of that completely offline.

Senator Marx: Right.

Senator Kalter: And so, you know, and I don't know how the President feels about this, but having that on Zoom or having people sending files back and forth makes me… gives me the heebie jeebies.

Senator Marx: We're not going to be able to send files back and forth.

Senator Kalter: Yeah.

Senator Marx: But what do you think about the live meeting part? Live meeting on Zoom?

Senator Ferrence: Just don't keep the recording when you're done.

Senator Marx: We're not going to… we won't have a recording.

President Dietz: Appreciate the sensitivity. It gives me the heebie or a jeebie.

Senator Marx: I think you'll be fine regardless.

Senator Kalter: And you mentioned, so I was anticipating that one and the AIF report. Which policies are you guys also working on?

Senator Marx: The parking policies. I think we'll have those ready for the next meeting. We're finishing up the naming, hopefully, the naming policy, we'll finish that up.

Senator Kalter: Right.

Senator Marx: And there was probably one other thing, that's a small policy that we should be able to bring forward. It’s rather simple, and I don't remember what it was exactly right now.

Senator Kalter: Okay. That's ambitious. It was already ambitious. But I think you were thinking about having that third meeting, right? That you were having the extra meeting from the winter event.

Senator Marx: Right?

Senator Kalter: And then the other two.

Senator Marx: Right.

Senator Kalter: Okay. Yeah. And Tony, what about you?

Senator Crowley: The Sabbatical policy is ready to move to an Action Item. It's all done, our part’s all done, everything is approved. And the other one that we have on the burner, which is really close is, is the Academic Integrity one.

Senator Kalter: Right.

Senator Crowley: That we moved forward last spring, and Legal has completed their work, and they've sent that back to us. We've given it the first skim over, and it looks good. So, all we need to do with that is to look more carefully, making sure that all of their recommendations fit in, and there's nothing that we would want to alter at this point. It doesn't look like we would. We have a flowchart now that’s relative to that.

Senator Kalter: Oh, that’s good.

Senator Crowley: And that looks great. So, it's our feeling that that would be a relatively quick turnaround, although it is second in priority to the sabbatical.

Senator Kalter: So, for the Academic Integrity one, were you hoping to present that to Senate and get it passed by Senate by the end of the year, or just get it ready for fall?

Senator Crowley: Well, it’s essentially ready for fall. But if we could get that done this year, that would be great. But losing the 25th meeting probably means we'll have to postpone that until fall. But it's good to go. So, it would be very early agenda item in the fall.

Senator Kalter: Okay.

Senator Crowley: It's really, I mean it’s that close.

Senator Kalter: Because the thing I'm concerned with with that one, it is a 15 page long policy. And those are not easy to do anyway on the floor of the Senate as a group in an efficient way. Like, we would probably need multiple meanings for it. And then to have that conversation by Zoom is a huge challenge.

Senator Crowley: Well, then I’d say that's the one that would be logically moving to the fall. So, it's ready to go. We do have a couple of extra pieces, in addition to the actual policy itself, like the flowchart that needs to be reviewed and approve it.

Senator Kalter: Okay.

Senator Crowley: But it's really solid at this point. So, I think moving it into the fall, it can be one of those things that gets wrapped up pretty quickly next year.

Senator Kalter: So, you would need zero, one, two or three internal committee meetings to finish?

Senator Crowley: I would say at this point, for that we’d need probably, I was thinking two. And our May meeting is typically non-business oriented.

Senator Kalter: Actually, both the late April, and the May meeting are non-business.

Senator Crowley: So the first one and…

Senator Kalter: The last one basically works.

Senator Crowley: Yeah. The last one. Well, that’s definitely where we want to address the Sabbatical policy and get that wrapped up.

Senator Mainieri: The items that our committee, that we're going to be working on was finishing our current brief, and starting our next brief; which is going to be ironically about quality online education. But the issue with both of those situations is, the one we’re working on, we required data from administrators both on our campus and off our campus. And then, moving into our next brief, we will be wanting to meet with people. All of these people have way more important things on their mind right now. So, to me, I would envision it being an online one, I would want to check in with the committee to see what their thoughts are. I would echo Dimitrios’ concern about extra time. You know, we're having to budget extra time for Senate, and then budget extra time for committee meetings before that. I could envision our committee doing a lot of our work via email and other things. I mean not necessarily… maybe recording a Zoom meeting but perhaps exploring other times other than right before a Senate meeting, so that we're not over taxing students or Senators. I mean, to me, right now, our faculty’s priority is teaching and surviving that, and our students’ priorities are surviving the online teaching. And so, I think we could make some modifications and work outside of our typical face to face or Zoom discussions in our committee.

Senator Kalter: There was a point over the weekend, Tracy, when I was thinking about asking your committee to pause its usual work to take up the electronic voting thing that I knew that Rules committee would not be able to get to, so that the rest of the Senate could move to electronic voting under Open Meetings Act. Now, I'm not at all concerned about it. It's like we're just gonna go electronic, whether they like it or not. And so anybody here who's doing work on internal committees, you know, don't feel like you're restricted just because we don't have that part of our bylaws in place. I think that we're just going to assume that Open Meetings Act will be loose, and forgiving to us. So, Tracy, say again, I'll ask you the same question I asked Tony zero, one, two, or three meetings that you thought you might need to finish stuff up for the year.

Senator Mainieri: I mean, right now, I think, again, I think that we could do a bulk of our work via email.

Senator Kalter: Okay. Okay.

Senator Mainieri: I think that would probably be the least taxing on our committee members who are worried about other things, right.

Senator Kalter: So, mostly without Zoom, just doing it by email?

Senator Mainieri: Yeah. But, Greg, certainly, and Jalyn are both on my committee. So…

Senator Ferrence: Yeah, and I did have a comment. I just want to put the thought in Tracy's mind more than anybody else, but since we're talking long range planning, and where we were going to be on that committee was looking at like online education. Should we be taking the real time snapshot of what should we be asking? We don't want to miss the opportunity to collect important data right now, while we're in the midst of all this because we may have some lessons learned that come out of what goes forward. And so, now is the opportunity to pay attention to what works and what doesn't. And I don't know, you know, are there IT questions to ask, is there a team already on campus working on this to make sure that when the dust settles, we can look back and say, well, okay, were there students who had trouble with connectivity? Were there certain populations of students that were negatively impacted by going online? You know, do we have the things? Are we thinking about putting that in place now? Because if we ask the question, two months from now, it's too late to go back and get what we might need.

Senator Horst: This is a very unique situation though. I don't think it really compares with the ideal online situation.

Senator Ferrence: It doesn’t, but it's still data. It's still telling you what it means to be in an online format.

Senator Horst: But it's an online format where the students don't have the right textbooks. They don't have the right connections. They, you know, there's so many things that are not in place because of the haphazard way that it happened. It's a unique outlier, in my opinion.

Senator Ferrence: Yeah, I guess as a campus. But as a course, I mean, the number of times we get asked to teach a course a week before the semester starts that we weren't expecting. So it's not uncommon to have to go into a situation where you're working on the fly.

Senator Horst: No, I'm talking about the students just, I mean, I don't want to get off topic, but like, I've been working with my colleagues. We've designed all this online business that comes with our textbook. And now, my one faculty member put it all up today and the students are like, oh, I don't have my textbook. Oh, I threw that out. I don't have that. I don't have connections. I don't have this. I don't have that. I mean, everything that we're thinking about is not working because of the haphazard way that the students left, you know, the haphazard way that we're trying to pull together this information. So, it certainly would work in an ideal situation where you told the students up front what to buy, but right now, it's just crazy.

Senator Ferrence: I'm a big fan of data, I like to measure things if they can be measured, but if there's no point then…

Senator Horst: Well, it’s not that there’s no point, but it's a unique outlier.

Senator Kalter: Yeah, one of the things I just realized is that a lot of my students will not buy the book, they'll get it in the library, and so that option is out. And then, some of them who did buy the book might have left it in their… probably did leave it in their dorm room over the break. Right.

Senator Marx: Yep.

Senator Kalter: Jan has her hand up. Unless that's still from before.

Provost Murphy: I do think there's a lot that we can learn. And, you know, for example, we talk about students, you know, we really have to think about students, the have’s and have nots, when it comes to our students that we can, and we have considered that as we've made decisions about the residence halls, and shutting down the residence halls. We know that if that disadvantages certain students more than others, and so we've tried to be very purposeful and letting students know they can still have a place to live. We don't want students who don't have safety nets. And we're thinking the same thing about distance ed, for example. We've gathered up about 70 laptops that we're able to give out to students who don't have a laptop. And then, how do we help students that don't have Wi Fi? And I do think these are lessons that we will learn as we think about a future where more and more faculty, I think for good reason, more and more faculty think about things like hybrid courses, or lectures on podcasts, or whatever they can do. I think we have to take the lessons that we've learned, and make sure that we're providing support for all of our students, and that what we're doing is accessible to all students. So, I appreciate what you're saying here, and I think we really do have to keep track of lessons learned. As we support our faculty and our students, and our faculty who would choose in the future to go online. We're going to learn some things that should help those faculty. And you're right, Martha, this is never… this is not going to be a great online experience. It just isn’t, and it's hard and frustrating for faculty.

Senator Kalter: I'm going to skip around. So, as you can tell, we're still on our first couple of agenda items. And I still have questions to ask that were related to them. One of them is just a reminder to everybody. Next year is our five year review of the ASPT policies, and that means a lot of Caucus meetings, which means we have to balance sort of what we're pushing off into next year versus what's going to make next year very, very difficult for us, right. So, just to sort of keep that in mind as we move forward that… there's that. There are also some areas like with the CAS bylaws, where there are people who are waiting on us, right, where they can't move forward in the way they had planned unless we get certain things done. I'm sort of comforted by the conversation with the internal committee chairs, because like, IDEAS is going to be in process anyway, it sounds like. Rules had already kind of triaged its stuff. It sounds like you're in a place where we've got long term policies that don't necessarily need to be right, you know, we don't necessarily need to be right on top of it. Same with Tracy, because of the long term charge of that committee, and then that David has some ambition to get the policies done.

Senator Marx: It's just we made so much progress already that I think we can finish it.

Senator Kalter: Yeah. So, there was that. There's also a question that I have about, we were planning if we had a March 25 meeting to have the SURS MAC presentation at the Caucus, which has been moved, I think, twice now or something like that. Right. And Jay Rich had asked us actually to do a PowerPoint which is one of the reasons why we postponed it that one night. I want to get your advice, even though this isn't Faculty Caucus Exec, about since it looks like we're moving towards only doing Administrator Remarks during March 25, should we be putting the SURS MAC presentation completely off to next year? Should we plan to put it forward to April? And if, regardless of what we do, is if we were to be forced to go on to a Zoom platform, and he felt comfortable doing that kind of a presentation with slides and that kind of thing, does that feel comfortable for the Caucus? Does that set of questions kind of make sense? So I guess the first question is, if we put it off for March 25, which it sounds like we're going to, where should we put it, in April or in next year?

Senator Horst: Let's tentatively put it for April. And let’s see where we are.

Senator Kalter: Decide where we are.

Senator Horst: You know, maybe we could set the agenda, well, we can think about setting the agenda for April tentatively. Or maybe we can do a Zoom Exec.

Senator Kalter: Yeah, I was gonna ask people also that question, like whether we wanted to do the April agenda now or do it in two weeks when we're closer to that time. And it might be since it's 4:45, it might be a good idea to just wait to set that agenda until two weeks from now. But you're thinking, at least for now, we should have in our minds to postpone that to April. And then, if we get to two weeks from now and decide that we need to put it off again, we'll come to that bridge.

Senator Horst: I just wanted to say one point. I did get a note from people in my college, administrators in my college regarding the curriculum issue that came up last time, and the Senator who had issues with the Arts Tech curricular issue, and my college administrators in my college are wondering if that has been solved, because they would like that to be passed this year.

Senator Kalter: It's back on the consent agenda as far as I know, Cera.

Ms. Hazelrigg: It is.

Senator Horst: Okay.

Senator Kalter: Yeah. And so I don't know when the deadline for that is.

Ms. Hazelrigg: It's coming up.

Senator Kalter: It’s coming. Okay. So, it should be in process. Good.

Senator Hollis: Hi. Um, so for the Caucus, I just… just so I can make sure that I’m seeing the things like so I'm looking at the agenda. We're talking about, like the recruitment/retention?

Senator Kalter: Oh, no, we're not. We're not talking about that. But that's a great question, Isaac. Because that is part of the proposed agenda for Senate, that we have an annual underrepresented students report. But so, go ahead and say what you're going to say about it.

Senator Hollis: Yeah, I was going to say, because I'm just looking off the agenda that was proposed for next week. And the Caucus. I do think that we should push those back in April. And along with that, I do think we should also make that agenda in two weeks, just because also with everything going on, things can change. So, I feel like if we do it today, it, two weeks from now something might be updated, something might happen. So, that's all I want. That's what I want to say about that.

Senator Kalter: Okay. And I'm actually wondering if either Alex or Jalyn have anything to say about that, because we do this report on recruitment and retention of underrepresented students every year. Does that seem all right to both of you to push that off to the April meeting?

Senator Jones: Yeah.

Senator Campbell: Yeah, that sounds good.

Senator Kalter: Okay.

Ms. Hazelrigg: We also have a housing presentation by Vice President Johnson.

President Dietz: I think that could be put off.

Senator Kalter: That's what I thought you might say. I'm trying to remember what that was, Larry.

President Dietz: I think it was just an update, but we're running into lots of issues with our contracted group that’s helping us figure that out. And I think the other part of this is that we're in such a nebulous situation right now. So, I just think it can be put off.

Senator Kalter: Yeah, okay. Yeah, I think I know where you're going with that. All right. I'm not sure whether this is the right time to ask this question, but we had on the list, I didn't want to forget it because of what Cera and I have been talking about, are we going to paperless packets for the moment, completely? Because we were thinking, you know, faculty aren't going to be on campus that much anyway, and so why deliver all of this stuff. So, we'll go for the moment to completely electronic packets when we do have meetings. And then, Martha and I can talk about, when we do have a meeting, how roll call and all of that stuff would work. And then, the other thing I wanted to let people know and I'll do this again in two weeks when we set the agenda, the succession of who runs the meeting, like if my audio goes out, or whatever, it goes to Sami Solebo. And the students, by the way, should know that you guys, the ones for this year, you're all still on Senate through the last April meeting. And then, the new SGA doesn't come in until May. So, that's really important to know. And since you guys get paid, it's kind of good because you'll get paid for those, right. But so it would go from me to Sami to Martha. And Sami, I think, should feel free to hand it off to you, right, if she feels like this is too much for me to try to do by Zoom and conduct a whole Senate meeting.

Senator Horst: We might want to work together, but we can talk about it.

Senator Kalter: Right. And then, after that it goes by seniority basically, to David to… I think, I can't remember who's more senior, whether it's Dimitrios or Tracy, but one of you two, and then to Greg, and on down the line, right. Hopefully, it wouldn't get to that. At that point, we would be like, okay, you know, let's stop the meeting. But I just wanted to… Tracy's going like this, she’s raising her hand.

(Laughter)

Senator Ferrence: Are you on a Mac or a PC?

Senator Kalter: Very nice. Very nice. Um, wow. So, we may be done with our meeting, except to approve a truncated Senate meeting on the 25th that only has Administrators Remarks in it.

Senator Ferrence: Would that meeting then, because of its just Administrator Remarks not necessarily need a quorum?

Senator Kalter: Right.

Senator Ferrence: So, you might want to just say that upfront that way, you know, you don't have to worry about that logistic issue. Yeah, it's informational only.

Senator Kalter: Actually, I was also wondering whether we should enable other faculty who aren't on the Senate or other students. I think the student part would be really difficult because there are so many students, but should we enable it for other faculty, maybe faculty/staff to be able to sit in, quote, unquote, on the Senate meeting. And I don't know how you feel about that. Dr. Dietz.

President Dietz: It’s very unwieldy. I just got off a Zoom meeting with 100 people on it. And it can be pretty tough. Because you're assuming everybody is going to be on mute. And you assume… and they're not. So, your dog’s barking. It’s just we want to be inclusive. But at the last meeting before this conference call, 100 people in there was nuts.

Senator Kalter: And so then we were also talking about… and I don't know if this is what Cera was about to say, whether we should be able… or whether we should try to post the meeting after the fact, on the Senate website so that if people want to hear what the question and answer was they can go into that. Is that what you were going to ask?

Ms. Hazelrigg: I was going to say that during Senate meetings, I'll be in the office here. And that's kind of going to be my job is to just mute people.

Senator Marx: Okay.

Senator Ferrence: So, you're saying the recording and not the transcript?

Senator Kalter: Oh, we would have both. But in order for the campus to be able to access what the questions and answers were, we would put up the recording, because that's the quickest to do. You're nodding your head.

Senator Crowley: I like that idea very much.

Senator Horst: I was wondering if we could put out a call to say if you have a question, you could email acsenate.

President Dietz: Yeah, that’s good.

Senator Kalter: That's a good idea.

Senator Horst: And even the Senators and I was thinking that you could just facilitate the questions. So, we don't all, I mean, we also maybe could ask questions live, but if I'm sure we're all gonna have sort of similar questions and maybe even bring in some other faculty and or student questions as well, like they do with the debates, right?

Senator Kalter: We kind of talked about this a little bit, you and I, over the weekend. I don't feel comfortable being the total figurehead, like, I'm the only person who asks questions. It seems to me that a Senate meeting has to be everybody, right? And that we can manage that, right, that we can have… if we ask people through like FAC-L to send questions to their Senators. I can just have a list. I'm going to go down the list, or look at people's raised hands and call on them to ask their group of questions, and then call on somebody else. It just doesn't seem to me that it's a good idea for it to be me and Larry talking to each other. Right. That's not a Senate meeting anymore. That's a GLT spot.

Senator Horst: It’s what you do for the State of the Union though, right? Or the State of the University, don't you? Didn't you read questions?

Senator Ferrence: Yeah, that's kind of the exact point, right?

Senator Kalter: Yeah. And also, I only do that because people don't come to the microphones all the time. But ordinarily, I would just be pointing to the microphones. But we always have backup questions, because people, for whatever reason, don't come to the microphone. At a Senate meeting, people are really ready to go to the microphones.

Senator Horst: So, you would like the Senators to ask their constituent questions.

Senator Marx: Yeah.

Senator Kalter: Yeah. Although I think that it would be a good idea for us to send it out through the whole faculty list serv, or just the whole, you know, campus wide listserv. So, that it's not just faculty, its students, and staff members, will ask the questions, right. In other words, send it to your constituent or send it to acsenate, and then we can send it to whoever that Senator might be. Does that makes sense?

President Dietz: Yeah. I have mixed feelings about this. One side, I really want to be open and that's a big, big side. And the other difficulty is that this thing is so fluid. As soon as I say something, it gets recorded and shared, literally within an hour that could change. So, we do have frequently asked questions, we have answers to this or that way of FAQs on the website. So that the other side is that what I would normally do is to say, here's the FAQ. If you have other questions, send them in. Usually, I'm not the person that knows the answer. I'm maybe one of several that need to discuss something before you get to an answer. So, my concern is that I don't want the transcript to be the do all end all on this topic because it won't be as soon as it's out there. So that's the danger of this thing… of having something specifically related to that.

Senator Kalter: Tracy, I'm not ignoring you. But I saw that Jan Murphy also had her hand up before you. So, I'm going to go to Jan first and then to Tracy.

Provost Murphy: No, we're good. My thought got answered or got said, so.

Senator Mainieri: By the way, I'm on a Mac and yeah, I don't have the raise my hand link. So, I raised my hand the only way I could do it. You know, we started out this meeting, asking if we should have a meeting on the 25th. And we were unanimous that we shouldn't, for a variety of reasons. And so, while I think it would be great to hear from the administration, I think that communication has been consistent, transparent, and every time there's been a change, we've gotten very clear communication, and there are clear lines of communication from the campus community back to the administrators and the other members of the task force. And so, I wonder if doing this at Senate, though it could be a great opportunity will almost muddy some of those waters unnecessarily. And I think that perhaps when… one way that we could approach it is if we do decide to cancel, when we send out the information that we're canceling, we can reiterate that email address that the administration has set up for COVID-19 questions. To say, you know, if you have questions, you can either go to your Senator and have them pass it along, or you have the acsenate email, or you have a specific email address which is designed for questions regarding coronavirus response. I just think that we decided in the beginning we shouldn't have meeting, and then I worry that approaching a meeting now goes back on that, and that might muddy the communication that I feel like is happening.

Senator Kalter: Yeah, I think we're trying to balance that point of view with what Craig Blum was saying, about, you know, if we go for, I think the way, what he was thinking was if we go for more than a month without actually having any repartee between the faculty, staff, students, and the administrators who are handling this incredible crisis, that's also potentially not a great thing, right, to have sort of a gap there where there's no exchange, where there's no fluid Q&A, and it's sort of… it is what it's been, which as Tracy has said, it's been working pretty smoothly, but it's also not the same as an interaction.

President Dietz: Well, I can tell you we have interactions all the time. They're not groups, you know, they’re not a group of students, but Jan and some of our staff were on phone calls with students in Spain last night, at 10:00 last night, 2:30 this morning, 4:00 this morning, 10:00 this morning. That's going on all the time. And frankly, people are running on fumes right now.

Senator Kalter: Yeah.

President Dietz: The other thing we've done, and I really kind of agree with Tracy on this whole thing, is that we're not going to have a meeting. We've also had to, I kind of support that now, through all of this. We've also changed our manner of communication. When we started out, I was sending out these dear colleague, faculty, staff, students letters about kind of high level kinds of things. And then, as different things would come up, I'd send out another one. We're now sending out daily, almost like press releases. That's our current mode of operation and they're all not coming from me, because you get into the “Oh, it’s just Dietz again,” just the president again, and so we're doing it oftentimes by functional areas, and sometimes it's not related to one functional area, so we're just sending out a press release. That's our idea from now forward is that we have daily communication about topics of the day. Today, for example, we talked about things in dining, we talked about voting, there's a third one out there can't remember right now. So, that's going to be our way of communicating unless we have another big thing that I need to weigh in on. So, the idea is that we'll have daily, just like the governor’s having daily press conferences. So, I think the communication is there.

Senator Kalter: So, let me do another show of hands, how many of you feel like we should completely cancel everything on March 25?

Senator Ferrence: I could go either way, yeah.

Senator Kalter: That's interesting. That's not a clear vote. So, obviously Tracy, who else raised their hand? Martha did. Dr. Dietz which is kind of a…

President Dietz: I don’t vote.

Senator Kalter: Jalyn did. But that's interesting. The rest of us did not, and Alex and Isaac, did you raise your hand or not raise your hand?

Senator Hollis: I did not raise.

Senator Kalter: You did not raise your hand and Alex, did you raise your hand or not raise your hand?

Senator Campbell: I am in favor of canceling the meeting in its entirety.

Senator Kalter: In its entirety. So, we've got a five-five tie. That's interesting. I guess I didn't weigh in, but..

President Dietz: I was in the back, I didn’t see a tie? Maybe there was, let's see.

Senator Kalter: So, I'm counting Tracy, Jalyn, Alex, Martha and there was one other person wasn't there, Tony, although, technically Tony doesn't have a vote but...

Senator Horst: Greg, did you vote?

Senator Ferrence: I said I can go either way. So, I don't know if it's an abstention. I worry, I see both sides. I worry about the… what Susan brought up about not having some kind of opportunity face to face, keeping it brief seems good. But just being able to at least have that sound of the President saying we're all okay, we don't have much time for questions, but we're still here, and you know, we're talking, just seems like something that could comfort a lot of people. And so, you know, those of us that have been here, we're like, yeah, we got it, we know what's going on. But there's all the people that don't, and so any channel you can have to create a communication, and particularly don't need a quorum, then if people don't want to attend, fine. But then the people that want to, it's just one more opportunity, you know, to hear your voice and be reassured that we're on this and doing the best we can.

Senator Kalter: And I see Isaac and Jan have their hands up, I think, Isaac, why don't you go first?

Senator Hollis: Kind of chiming in on that because I’ve sent an email to the, you know, the email that is going around, seeing if you need questions answered, and in that email you know they connect me to the people who needed to, who could answer my question. But I also do feel like, just from my experience before of emailing people and they go into them in person, I've received two different answers, and I do feel that it would comfort a lot of people getting that personal interaction being able to have their questions, and say, not answer, even say, like, you don't know the answer or just being able to hear directly in person. I do feel like that is more comforting than just an email. And I do think, like, I understand, like the seriousness of it and like interactions with people, but I do think this should be addressed in person before we like do it… besides like going through a month, and it's just internet communication. I do think people do need that comfort of having that in person interaction to hear these things.

Senator Kalter: And Jan, what were you going to say?

Provost Murphy: I can't vote, but I was just raising my little hand to vote on canceling, but my vote doesn't count. But that was just a vote.

Senator Kalter: I'm actually wondering, I have a feeling like, we started to move towards an in person meeting, and then away from it at the point where we started talking about emailing the entire faculty/campus to bring in questions. I’m wondering if a better way to do it would just be to say to Senators, if you have questions, bring them, and then if they want to go out and get questions from their constituents, it's up to them, but not do anything, broadcasting that. You were about to say something

President Dietz: Yeah. That was exactly where I was heading. Limiting this to the Academic Senate. Yeah, they could go wherever they want. And it would be helpful if we had some questions ahead of time.

Senator Kalter: Yeah.

President Dietz: So, we can prepare ourselves as much as we can. But I do agree about the sentiment, we’re a personal interaction, or individualized attention kind of institution. And I think, you know, that that's been part of our strength is that we have conversations, this is a weird kind of way to have them, but I'd be open to that. But if we limited it to the Senate, and then they go out gather questions, we get that a day or so ahead of time, it’d be terrific. And this will all be over Zoom?

Senator Kalter: Right, exactly. It has to be because of your edict.

Senator Ferrence: What I find fascinating though, is Isaac, you know, thank you, that it's really interesting to see that already as we embark on joining Zoom-U, that Isaac already characterizes email and other electronic communications as electronic, but Zoom as in person. Right. And that that's a big distinction, right, that we're already making that transition to think that Zoom is as close as we can get to in person. So we're gonna consider that in person. And I think that's really interesting.

Senator Kalter: That is very interesting

Senator Nikolaou: Yeah, I was thinking the same way if we could get questions ahead of time, so that we can give them to the administration so that if there are something that they can prepare ahead of time, and instead of calling it a meeting, if we are not going to be taking questions, live, it might be just that we say, you know, instead of a meeting, we are going to have the President, the Provost, all the VPS or whoever is going to be there, or they are going to make, you know, a short announcement regarding Covid-19, and anyone from the Senate who is interested in watching this announcement, they can, so instead of being a meeting, per se.

Senator Kalter: Yeah, I think we should probably still have it as a little bit of a Q&A, a sort of a press conference type of thing where you may have stuff that you want to say at the top, and then we open it up for questions, but maybe not calling it a Senate meeting would also help. Right, where we're going to have a Senate Q&A with the administrators on the 25th, and it's optional.

President Dietz: Yeah, with the Q early. We won’t get to them all.

Senator Kalter: With the Q, right.

Senator Horst: But the Qs might change in 24 hours.

Senator Marx: Many things will get answered that way.

Senator Mainieri: Two things, if we do move forward with having the meeting next week, I would echo Dimitrios and say there’s a way that we can call this optional so it won’t count against Senators in terms of their attendance, and those type of things, I think that's going to be really important for people to be able to opt in. And secondly, if we are going to do Q&A, I think using the chat room and having someone designated to be managing that chat room for questions, as opposed to how many people were trying to talk in their questions, I think it's gonna be real important as well.

Senator Kalter: I'm gonna disagree with you about that one. I think it's important to have the ability for people to have their voice in it too. And not just have it be, for lack of a better term, the talking heads of the top of the university, right? I think there are ways to manage that, in an orderly way. And in my experience with Zoom and other kinds of things like Google Hangouts, the chat function is distracting at best, I guess I would call it, and kind of unwieldy at worst. So, I'm comfortable being not, being able to moderate the meeting, especially because Cera would be muting everybody's buttons all the time, and be able to sort of, you know, designate, okay. Greg Ferrence, please ask your question, or what have you. But, absolutely, if we're doing this, it's like we're saying it's not a Senate meeting of the traditional type. It's an opportunity for Senators to ask questions of the administration. And so, attendance is not part of that.

Senator Ferrence: It's just important to articulate that to everybody when you put it out there.

Senator Kalter: Right.

Senator Mainieri: If we go chat room versus live, I think the more important thing, and it sounds like Cera might be there if she's managing people's microphones, but I think someone other than the people participating in the meeting, it's helpful sometimes to have someone off to the side, like Cera’s doing right now, to keep track of who's asking what, so that you're not having to do that as well, I guess would be the more important thing of what I was talking about. Is having someone there to manage the flow, to assist, rather than you having to do all of that at the same time.

Senator Kalter: Yeah.

Senator Horst: Yeah. I mean, I could be there, where are we? Where are we going to be?

Senator Kalter: I think we're all going to be virtual. Right? We would all be virtual; it would be a Zoom meeting.

Senator Horst: Okay.

Senator Kalter: So, we would all be virtual.

Senator Horst: And so, we would all see this, right. We would all see that. And so… but I don't know how I would communicate with you then.

Senator Kalter: I mean, one option would be for you, and me, and Cera to all be in the office, and we can social distance. I can be in my office. Cera can be at her desk, and you can be in the conference room. And then, if we needed to, we could run back and forth between the rooms or whatever.

Senator Horst: Or something like here is nice.

Senator Kalter: Yeah. Or something like, whichever way. Yeah.

Senator Horst: Okay.

Senator Kalter: All right. So, it sounds like what we're moving towards is in terms of this agenda and the approval of the proposed Senate agenda. We are moving to cancel the Senate agenda. Yes.

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

***~~Proposed~~* ~~Academic Senate Meeting Agenda~~**

**~~Wednesday, March 25, 2020~~**

**~~7:00 P.M.~~**

**~~OLD MAIN ROOM, BONE STUDENT CENTER~~**

***~~Call to Order~~***

***~~Roll Call~~***

***~~Recruitment and Retention of Underrepresented Students (Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Jana Albrecht,~~******~~Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Education Amy Hurd, and Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Danielle Miller-Schuster)~~***

***~~Chairperson's Remarks~~***

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

***~~Administrators' Remarks~~***

* ***~~President Larry Dietz~~***
* ***~~Provost Jan Murphy~~***
* ***~~Vice President of Student Affairs Levester Johnson~~***
* ***~~Vice President of Finance and Planning Dan Stephens~~***

***~~Advisory Item:~~***

***~~Action Items:~~***

***~~03.02.16.03 Policy 6.1.37 Facilities Naming Current Copy (Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)~~***

***~~02.27.20.03 Policy 6.1.37 Naming of University Facilities and Entities Markup (Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)~~***

***~~02.27.20.04 Policy 6.1.37 Naming of University Facilities and Entities Clean Copy (Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)~~***

***~~03.10.20.03 Policy 6.1.37 Naming of University Facilities and Entities Mark Up MCH Motion (Senator Martha Horst)~~***

***~~03.10.20.04 Gies renaming at U of I (Senator Martha Horst)~~***

***~~02.11.20.04 Alcohol Policy Current Copy (General Counsel)~~***

***~~02.10.20.01 Alcohol policy Mark Up (General Counsel)~~***

***~~02.10.20.02 Alcohol policy Clean Copy (General Counsel)~~***

***~~01.23.20.05 - Policy 1.6 Religious Observances CURRENT Copy (Academic Affairs Committee)~~***

***~~02.25.20.01 - Policy 1.6 Religious Accommodations AAC MARK UP (Academic Affairs Committee)~~***

***~~02.20.20.02- Policy 1.6 Religious Accommodations CLEAN Copy (Academic Affairs Committee)~~***

***~~Information Items:~~***

***~~02.01.18.10 Policy 4.1.4 Dress Codes CURRENT (Academic Affairs Committee)~~***

***~~03.05.20.01 Policy 4.1.4 Dress Codes AAC MARK UP (Academic Affairs Committee)~~***

***~~03.05.20.02 Policy 4.1.4 Dress Codes AAC CLEAN Copy (Academic Affairs Committee)~~***

***~~03.12.20.03 From Associate Provost Ani Yazedjian: Request for additional one-year term Academic Planning Committee for 2020-2021 (Information Item 03/25/20)~~***

***~~Consent Agenda Items: None~~***

***~~Academic Affairs Committee: Senator Nikolaou~~***

***~~Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee: Senator Marx~~***

***~~Faculty Affairs Committee: Senator Crowley~~***

***~~Planning and Finance Committee: Senator Mainieri~~***

***~~Rules Committee: Senator Seeman~~***

***~~Communications~~***

***~~Adjournment~~***

Motion by Senator Marx, seconded by Senator Jones, to cancel the Senate agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Senator Kalter: And by the way, I think even though we're going to turn off the attendance taking, we should keep on the students get paid to attend part, right? Like, you shouldn't lose that just because we're going to have an optional meeting. Okay, so the meeting itself is cancelled. But we will have a Q&A session for Senators with the administration and Eric Hodges, etc. and asked Senators to bring in stuff under the 24 hour rule when possible.

Senator Horst: I mean, I'm still concerned about this because both of our administrators said they didn't necessarily want to do it. And then… Jan is gone. She looked really tired. You know, oh, there she is. Sorry. But I mean, I'm just concerned like Craig said in his email that we're putting some pressure on them in an incredibly stressful situation. But certainly we can do it. But I'm just thinking, I'm just echoing what both of them said that they didn't think it was a good idea.

Senator Kalter: I guess all I… what I’ll say to that at this point is that we took a vote and the people who wanted it were more than the people who didn't.

Senator Horst: Okay, I thought it was five, five, but perhaps it was not.

Senator Kalter: Because I think I didn’t vote.

Senator Mainieri: I feel like we’ve had a lot of discussion. So, I wonder if we can just to make it simple. Just go ahead and do a vote.

Senator Kalter: A second vote?

Senator Mainieri: Again, with all the discussion back and forth, because people who are on the fence and we weren't really sure where the numbers were coming.

Senator Kalter: So, let me do it this way, rather than having that as a, what do you call it, a simultaneous vote? Let me read out what I had before and ask anybody if they have changed their vote. So, Isaac I had you in favor of a meeting, is that correct still?

Senator Hollis: Yes.

Senator Kalter: Okay. And Alex, I had you against it.

Senator Campbell: Yes, that’s correct.

Senator Kalter: You are against it. Tracy, I had you against it.

Senator Mainieri: Correct.

Senator Kalter: And Martha had you against it. Greg?

Senator Ferrence: I'm on the in favor side.

Senator Kalter: You're on the in favor side. David?

Senator Marx: In favor.

Senator Kalter: Dimitrios?

Senator Nikolaou: I was in Greg's previous in between, not in favor, not against. So, part of that it is optional, saying that since it is not a meeting.

Senator Ferrence: Yeah, not a meeting.

Senator Marx: Oh, for the Q&A session.

Senator Kalter: So you’re saying yes?

Senator Nikolaou: Yes, the Q&As, no to a meeting,

Senator Kalter: Right, because we've canceled the meeting, the other, we've canceled the formal meeting. So, this is only about the administrator Q&A.

Senator Nikolaou: Yeah. Because then I was thinking in the past where Martha, if she has to be present, you know, to monitor the Q&As, it defeats the purpose of when we said, you know, she his kids, and that puts extra pressure on her.

Senator Horst: No, I… the point I just made was that President Dietz and Provost Murphy were not in favor of the meeting.

Senator Nikolaou: Oh, yeah. But on top of that, as an extra layer.

Senator Kalter: For Dr. Dietz, he went yes, then no, then yes, as far as I can tell. [Dr. Dietz had had to leave the meeting, so was not present.]

Senator Marx: If it's limited, I think he was in favor of it.

Senator Kalter: Right.

Senator Nikolaou: Yes. Okay. So, if it is a Q&A. I'm in favor, but not for a meeting.

Senator Kalter: Okay. And Jalyn.

Senator Jones: I change my mind, to have the Q&A.

Senator Kalter: So you're a yes. And for the record, I am a yes. So that's, and let me just count we've got (counting) I'm missing somebody. Who did I not poll? So, I have Isaac, Tracy. Oh, no, wait, that's because we only have nine Exec members. That's what's going on. So, it's six in favor three against. So, we will have that meeting, and we'll work out the sort of behind the scenes logistics. And I think that… have we missed anything? Is there anything else that we need to talk about before we adjourn?

Senator Crowley: Can I ask for one point of clarification, at the end Larry said that he wanted the questions in advance.

Senator Kalter and Marx: Yes.

Senator Crowley: So, I'm presuming no questions that haven't been presented, will be asked at March 25.

Senator Kalter: Probably not. I think I'll talk to Larry about, like, how comfortable do you feel about having follow up questions, and all of that kind of stuff. But yeah, that they should know. And if we get a question that… we'll do a really strict 24 hour rule. Like, if you did not get the question in, you know, in the 24 hours in advance, we may at the end of the meeting, say what the remaining questions are that came in afterwards but not even ask them to field them right. Just to say, these are remaining questions that are out there, and we'll get answers through either email or look at the FAQ list. Does that sounds good?

Senator Crowley: Yep.

Senator Kalter: Okay.

Senator Horst: But the Senators are gonna have the questions. The Senators are going to ask for the questions. The Senators are going to get the questions into the administration 24 hours in advance.

Senator Marx: Um-hum. Yeah.

Senator Kalter: Yeah.

Senator Horst: Okay. Yeah. All right.

Senator Marx: That's it.

Senator Kalter: All right. Anything else before we adjourn?

Ms. Hazelrigg: Are we changing the time of the meeting?

Senator Kalter: I don't think so.

Ms. Hazelrigg: Dimitrios mentioned that maybe we should have a little bit before if it's gonna run longer.

Senator Ferrence: Yeah, but it's gonna be short as a whole since it’s just comments.

Senator Kalter: Yeah, and what I'm concerned about here is your schedule, right? Because you're going to be 6:00-10:00 that evening. And so, I would like you to be able to have an hour before the meeting to do whatever needs to be, you know, whatever you need to do. Especially with the stuff that we were talking about where you might have to do some other things in the office. So Cera, by the way is work-from-home from now on, except for Exec meetings and except for Senate/Caucus meetings. So, if you call in, expect some delay in getting stuff back, but she’ll be on email, and but with flex time. So if something happens at home for her, and she needs to like do childcare or whatever, she's going to be on flex time during Monday through Friday, so maybe working in the evenings instead of, you know, during the regular schedule, sometimes. Okay. All right. Do I have a motion to adjourn? Oh, sorry. Sorry, Tracy. I forgot. Go ahead.

Senator Mainieri: No worries. It's really more for Dr. Murphy and Dr. Dietz, I wonder if, I know we typically do 24 hours, but I am anticipating that there may be a whole host of different questions that they're going to have to like categorize a theme and try to figure out how to deal with, so I wonder if they feel like having 48 hours might be helpful to them or not?

Senator Kalter: That's a good question. Dr. Dietz had to leave the room a couple minutes ago. Jan, what do you think about that?

Provost Murphy: Oh, I was gonna defer to my boss.

Senator Horst: It used to be a 48 hour rule.

Senator Kalter: How about if we ask him online, and that way, you can still defer to him?

Provost Murphy: Yeah, I’ll make whatever, you know, whatever he thinks work. I'm guessing the bulk of the questions will probably come to him.

Senator Kalter: Yeah.

Provost Murphy: Mine will be more focused in an area. So, let's go with whatever he thinks is best, and we'll make it work.

Senator Kalter: Okay. Sounds good.

Provost Murphy: Thank you.

Senator Kalter: You're welcome. And thanks to you guys for doing it. Because you are under a huge amount of stress. Oh, Tracy, did you have anything else?

Senator Mainieri: Nope, that was it. Thank you.

Senator Kalter: Okay. And let me also poll everybody who's on the screen. Alex, and Isaac, do you have anything else? Let me go… Isaac first and then Alex.

Senator Hollis: No, I do not.

Senator Campbell: I do not either.

Senator Kalter: Okay, and Greg.

Senator Ferrence: So, I just wanted to say I'd like to think it's the obvious, but when it comes to that reporting out that Dietz is doing, I would encourage that, even though we have all the information on the website, we don't all necessarily check it. It's easy for somebody to do a push of a screen. So, while he's doing it, he might just have, you know, up on the screen the website, and sometimes when a question is asked, he says, yes, as a matter of fact, and right here is where that's being addressed. Just a thought.

Senator Kalter: As somebody who has used Zoom, but never for that purpose, I'm going to not put our President in the position of having to do it that way. That takes some expertise.

Senator Marx: Yeah, to share his screen. Yeah, go to a website.

Senator Kalter: Yeah. And Cera’s nodding her head, so as the Zoom expert in the room I’m going to…

Senator Marx: Yeah, it would be a bit too much, too much to ask.

Ms. Hazelrigg: I will send out the Illinois state coronavirus thing, with the email, so that hopefully they don’t ask the questions that are already on that website.

Senator Ferrence: FAQ.

Senator Kalter: I think we're gonna have to triage some of this because like, over the weekend, Craig said, how come nobody's practicing social distancing? They should point out something about social distancing. So, I went on to the main site, I was like, Craig, it's right here. Right? It's right here. But I understand that, because I'm the kind of person who doesn't read every single last thing, or remember it if even if I had read it. So, and he was like, oh, no worries, right. But that's going to happen, that we're going to get questions that the answers are already available. I think this hopefully would be more about questions that are more esoteric and harder, and maybe in some cases, more long term.

Senator Seeman: I was thinking the Senators could, if they're going to try to get people in their group to ask questions, obviously, you might put to check the FAQ first before you put forth a question to me to present on the floor.

Senator Kalter: Like gather your stuff, but when you send it in, please triage it.

Senator Seeman: Sure. Make sure it's not in the FAQ before you...

Senator Kalter: Send it in, said beautifully by a department chair.

Senator Horst: The Senators can say, oh, thank you for your question. Oh, by the way, here's the FAQ.

Senator Kalter: Yes.

Senator Horst: Link, maybe your answer is there.

Senator Ferrence: Right.

Senator Seeman: Yeah. I was gonna craft to say, do you have any questions that aren't in FAQ? Yeah, I'm gonna attach that.

Senator Marx: Yeah. Exactly.

Senator Kalter: All right. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

***Adjournment***
Motion by Senator Jones, seconded by Senator Marx, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.