**Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

**6:00 P.M.**

***Meeting held on Zoom due to the Governor’s order regarding meetings during the pandemic.***

***Call to Order at 6:05***

Present: Deb Garrahy, Hannah Hogue, David Marx, Vishal Midha, Julie Murphy, Patrick Walsh, Sandy Cavi

Absent: Djimon Lewis, Kee-Yoon Nahm

***Discussion:***

This Zoom meeting ran into some technical difficulties because of internet connection issues.

The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the March 3, 2021 meeting. Senator Garrahy moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Senator Midha. The motion was approved unanimously.

The committee reviewed the friendly amendments to the Amplification Policy that were to be brought up during the Academic Senate meeting. Most of the friendly amendments were about making the language clearer. Sandi Cavi and Senator Garrahy raised concerns about a suggested amendment that removed some locations from the designated areas on campus for sound amplification: the Student Center-Library Plaza and the Bone Student Center Entry Plaza. These are key spots for recruitment at the beginning of the semester, and so removing them from the allowed areas completely may be overly restrictive. These friendly amendments were not accepted. Senator Marx would address this matter on the floor when the question is raised.

The committee discussed another friendly amendment that specifies that sound amplification approval is not required for regularly scheduled classes, indoor performance venues, and regularly scheduled athletic events. Senator Marx suggested an adjustment to the friendly amendment language. Senator Walsh and Senator Garrahy supported the friendly amendment, with the additional adjustment.

Senator Marx recommended adjusting the section on “Procedure for Approval of Sound Amplification Requests” to better direct requests to the University Event Review Committee. The URL in the policy was not working during the meeting. Senator Marx said he would check later to see if the website is being moved to a different URL.

The committee began to review the draft of the 2021 AIF report. Senator Marx corrected a statement at a previous meeting that the AABC had recommended in 2007–2008 that the ratio of tenure-track faculty be above 70%. The actual recommended ratio was 75%, so this correction was made in the AIF report draft. Because of internet connection issues, the committee was not able to discuss the draft further. The committee members agreed to review the draft before the next AABC meeting.

***Adjourned at 7:00***