

**Executive Committee
Meeting Notes
March 20, 2018**

In attendance: President Farish, Provost Workman, Senate President Bosco, Senate Vice President University Matters Moskowitz, Senate Vice President Academic Affairs Soto

Pending Items

Status of Lab fee report from Academic Standards and Policies Committee

These fees cover not only materials for labs, but also equipment. Finance is reviewing this to determine what action might be needed. A report will be provided before the end of Spring semester.

ASEM update and link to Cost Center Analysis

As responses to schools/departments are completed, they will be shared with the Deans and Chairs. The SHAE report is coming out this week and will be posted to Bridges. Cost Center information is not an integral part of this. This report is not salary-focused.

New Business

The following approved curriculum items were provided:

Journalism Proposals

Minor Change

JOUR355 Digital Journalism I

Web Development Proposals

Minor Changes (change in department designation – due to the move from GSB to SHAE)

WEB 200 Introduction to Programming: Animation and Games

WEB 206 Introduction to Web Development

WEB 299 Web Development Center I

WEB 306 Creating Expressive Websites

WEB 325 Web Client: JavaScript

WEB 335 Database Management

WEB 360 Marketing on the Web

WEB 399 Web Development Center II

WEB 425 Webserver: Scripting and Database Connectivity

WEB 429 Community Partnership Center: Web Development

WEB 430 Special topics in Web Development

WEB 460 Web Development Internship

WEB 499 Web Development Center III

Web Development Major

Web Development Minor

Public Health Proposals

Minor Changes

B.S. in Public Health math requirement

COMM Proposals

New Course COMM201 Concepts in Communication

Computer Science Proposals

New Program B.S. in Computer Science/Intelligent and Autonomous Systems Specialization

New Program B.S. in Computer Science/Human Centered Computing Specialization

New Program B.S. in Computer Science/Data Science Specialization

Criminal Justice Proposal

Minor Change

MS in Criminal Justice

There was discussion of the process by which a program becomes a department prompted by the recent proposal regarding the establishment of a Department of Public Health. Faculty may develop such programs and proposals as was done in this case. The program needed a structure to administer it and that couldn't be done well without becoming a department. The role of the Division of University Studies may serve as a good place for interdisciplinary programs to develop in this way.

Discussion of the following motion: That the Executive Committee request information from the President about the university's decentralized approach to alumni relations.

Budget issues have played a role in delaying some alumni outreach plans. For example, there was supposed to be an alumni outreach staff moved to Career Services to engage alumni in connecting students with internships/jobs as well as to provide shadowing opportunities. The plan was to have a pipeline developed for alumni, moving them from helping via Career Services to the Advancement Office. Admissions has started combining alumni outreach with student recruitment and that has been successful. It is a multi-faceted approach to alumni relations.

Discussion of the following motion: That the Executive Committee seek clarification about the connection between the Career services staff at SCS and the Office of Career and Professional Development in Bristol.

The two offices work with different populations and their work doesn't overlap. There was discussion about a possible conflict for resources for the Bristol and Providence offices, for example, with job fairs. The Provost was not aware of such a conflict.

Discussion of the following motion: That the University Life Committee meet with Public Safety and/or other relevant areas regarding two issues - notice to University members of students removed from campus and locks on office doors. The Committee is asked to report back to the Senate on its findings.

The Committee should meet with Kathy Souza in Public Safety about these important concerns.

The Executive Committee was made aware of a new position, that of School Manager, and asked about this person's role and relationship to school faculty.

This is a position created with the two new schools and the person manages the administrative staff. This position has no authority related to faculty.

The Executive Committee verified that an election should be done for a faculty member to serve on the newly-created Building and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees.

The Executive Committee asked about pending capital projects. The Engineering Building is still short the necessary funds for construction to begin. A board member has now contributed more towards this project. The first phase of the new residence hall construction will be completed for Fall 2018 with the 2nd and 3rd phases to begin in successive years.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Bosco, Faculty Senate President, Dave Moskowitz, Senate Vice President for University Matters, Renee Soto Senate, Vice President Academic Affairs