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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 10, 2016
Agenda

12:30 in CSS 167
Lunch will be served

- I. Call to order**
Dexter Boniface

- II. Approval of Minutes from 2-4-16 and 2-19-16**
Dexter Boniface

- III. New Business**
 - a. Update from Mamta Accapadi, VP of Student Affairs
 - b. Set Agenda for A&S Faculty Meeting 3-24-16

- IV. Committee Reports**

- V. Adjournment**



ROLLINS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 10, 2016
Minutes

PRESENT

Dexter Boniface, Emily Russell, Grant Cornwell, Jennifer Cavanaugh, Mamta Accapadi, Ashley Kistler, Derrick Paladino, Anca Voicu, Eric Smaw, CJ Dunn.

CALL TO ORDER

Dexter Boniface called the meeting to order at 12:32 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2/4/16 and 2/19/16

EC unanimously approved the minutes from the 2/4/16 meeting. EC approved the minutes from the 2/19/16 meeting with one abstention.

NEW BUSINESS

Update from VP of Student Affairs

Mamta Accapadi

Accapadi reported that while student conduct issues have declined, student mental health issues on campus continue to rise and there has been a significant increase in the use of the Wellness Center. Paladino stated that this is a national trend. Accapadi would like to have Connie and Meghan from the Wellness Center give a presentation to faculty about the increase and complexity of the issues they are seeing. Boniface said the faculty would welcome a presentation but the spring calendar is full and suggests looking at a presentation in early fall. Cavanaugh suggested presenting at one of the two remaining department chair meetings. Dunn said a presentation to SGA would be valuable as well.

The Beta Care Team met to discuss an increase in Title IX issues reported in Ward and McKean Halls. The Team will hold town hall meetings to address these issues and educate students on how they can support their peers. They are also looking at possibly restricting access to these halls to just one entry point in the evenings.

The Dean of the Chapel position has been renamed to Dean of Religious Life in an effort to elevate that position to someone who can meet the religious and spiritual inquiry needs of our diverse student body. We are looking at having more community connection and serving a broader section of students on campus. The shift has received full support from the Board and President's Leadership Council. The position is currently posted.

Cavanaugh asked where we are with broadening our conversation on campus about accessibility issues and is there anything we need from faculty? Accapadi responded that students' needs for

accommodations continues to grow and we need dedicated space for extended time testing. Russell suggested looking at a centralized model for testing where spaces within academic departments are used for extended time testing. Kistler said the challenge would be finding distraction-free spaces within departments. Cavanaugh noted that the Disability Services Coordinator cannot enter his director's office because his chair will not fit through the door. Accapadi said the issue has been looked at, but a solution has not been identified yet.

Set Agenda for A&S Faculty Meeting March 24th

Dexter Boniface

(Attachment #1)

A&S business that needs to be completed this term includes finalizing the credit hour policy that proposes new nomenclature for syllabi and includes a CIE revision; changes to the honor code; presentation by Scott Novak about the progress of his work on the divestment of fossil fuels; and a presentation about the new CDC and opportunities it will present for faculty.

Voicu mentioned AAC will be sending forward a proposed change to science foundation courses. The proposal will be discussed at the next EC meeting.

EC discussed whether the March 24th meeting will be a normal A&S faculty meeting or a joint A&S/CPS meeting and the impact on elections for next year. Our Parliamentarian recommends EC put forward a motion to abrogate the bylaw that states elections will be held during the month of March. Boniface noted a discrepancy in the Bylaws regarding the date of elections (Attachment #1). EC supports making March 24th a joint A&S/CPS faculty meeting that will include a motion to abrogate the bylaw regarding elections. If the motion does not pass we will look at holding elections at the April 21st meeting.

REPORTS

AAC

Anca Voicu

AAC discussed the proposed changes to science foundation courses. AAC members expressed concern about the statement in the proposal that says all labs will be taught by a faculty member with a Ph.D. in a scientific discipline. Rick Vitray will attend the next AAC meeting to discuss the proposal and Voicu will bring it to the next EC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Dexter Boniface

Boniface adjourned the meeting at 1:47 PM.

ATTACHMENT 1

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES—BYLAWS

ARTICLE IV, MEETINGS OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, Section 1. Regular Meetings.

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences shall normally meet monthly during the academic year. Elections for the President, Vice President/Secretary, and the at-large faculty representatives for the four Arts and Sciences standing committees shall be held on or before the April meeting of the Faculty.

ARTICLE V, GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE, Section 2. Elections.

At-large faculty representatives shall be elected to the standing committees at the regular faculty meeting in March. The Executive Committee of the Faculty prepares at-large nominations and publishes the slate at least ten days prior to election, but additional nominations may be tendered from the floor. Divisional representatives to all committees with divisional representation shall be nominated and elected from within the divisions during the month of March, under procedures agreed upon by the members of the respective divisions. All nominations require prior consent.

Report to the Executive Committee from the Student Life Committee February 4, 2016

Below are some highlights of our meetings and work

1. Joining the Honor and Social codes in one document

The SLC has crafted and approved “the Rollins Honor Code.” It will now go to the respective ECs of A&S and CPS prior to going in front of the respective faculty bodies.

The Rollins Honor Code:

As a Rollins College Tar I commit to upholding the values of honesty, trust, and respect academically and in all of my social relations. I will act with integrity and strive to embody the highest ideals of global citizenship and responsible leadership.

- The Code will now be brought in front of A&S and CPS faculty for vote
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- 2. The SLC is looking into better food and station labels being brought into the cafeteria to prevent cross contamination. Sodexo has an app called “bite by Sodexo” that shows nutrition, but there is no access code for the Rollins College site.**
 - 3. Jazmine Rodriguez (Director of Frat and Sorority Life) spoke about Community Commitments Reports Process. She asked for faculty to serve on this committee to help evaluate strengths for each fraternity and sorority being evaluated. She will bring a faculty list for SLC approval**
 - 4. CSR will be coming to our next meeting to go over code revisions as well as discuss policy about room searches for drugs.**
 - 5. The SLC discussed the possibility of no longer being a standing committee.**

6. Our meetings will be held on Tuesdays from 12:30-1:45 throughout this next academic year.

- 3/22 Bieberbach-Reed Room
- 4/19 PM Bieberbach-Reed Room
- 4/26 (if needed) Bieberbach-Reed Room

7. SLC Members

Derrick Paladino (chair), Nathan Arrowsmith (Staff), Missy Barnes (A&S), Hannah Ewing (A&S), Alexa Gordon (Staff), Andrew Luchner (A&S), Richard Morris (CPS), Matthew Nichter (A&S), Ellane Park (A&S), & Adriana Talbot (SGA Representative), Mackenzie Cooper (SGA Representative), Davin Laskin (SGA Representative), Filipa-Alidreia Belito (SGA Representative), Stephanie Chewing (SGA Representative)