Executive Council Meeting
February 11, 2020, 9:45am-10:45am, UW1-327

Present: Keith Nitta (Chair), David Socha, Seungkeun Choi, Jason Naranjo, Alice Pederson, Surya Pathak, Minda Martin

Not Present: Nora Kenworthy

Approval of Minutes: EC minutes from January 28, 2020 approved

School Reports
- School of Educational Studies (Naranjo): no full faculty discussions on any of the recent items brought to GFO, but gathered faculty feedback in more informal discussions:
  - SES faculty are excited about the new UWB faculty research award
  - No objections or concerns expressed about the new Community Engagement learning goal or Inclusive Definition of Scholarship statement
  - SES is open to more discussions about 100% online initiative
- Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (Martin): solicited feedback online and in the February IAS faculty meeting.
  - No concerns about CE learning goal or Inclusive Definition of Scholarship
  - Significant feedback on time schedule proposal to create community blocks. IAS faculty and students expressed great concern about: 10-minute passing periods may not be sufficient for some students (disability and access concerns), earlier start time and end time (some bus lines do not run late), and in particular about not being involved in decision.
- STEM (Choi)
  - Shared similar faculty concerns about time schedule change, in particular about shorter 10-minute passing period time.
  - STEM faculty also had questions about the proposed Community Engagement learning goal, which will be voted on later this month: is the new learning objective necessary? It either seems not like a learning goal or is already covered by other learning goals.
- Business (Pathak): scheduled meetings with Business elected faculty council to gather feedback on ballot items, which will occur next week.
  - Business faculty echoed many of the concerns raised earlier about time schedule change.
  - Some business faculty also had questions about the proposed Community Engagement learning goal: How will progress toward this goal be measured? Short of everything, what can students/faculty do to satisfy this goal?
  - Business faculty are concerned/interested in criteria for selecting Scholarship Award winners. Worried criteria are not inclusive of their research agendas.
- FYPP (Pedersen): solicited feedback at a recent AOC meeting
  - FYPP faculty also share many of the concerns raised earlier about time schedule change, especially on issues of equity and access.
  - FYPP faculty are enthusiastic about Inclusive Definition of Scholarship and proposed Community Engagement learning goal.
  - Finally, questions about process for GFO ballot: when, how, what kind of voting rules?
**EC Discussion**

- Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Sharon Jones reassured EC members that no change to the schedule will take place in the next academic year, 2020-21. This quarter, campus leadership will determine whether and how to move forward with time schedule change.
- Several EC reps expressed a desire for formal training on faculty shared governance and the role the GFO plays in the campus decision-making processes.
- Nitta explained the details for the upcoming GFO ballot. It will be opened during the last week of February and voting will be on-line, solicited through an email from the GFO. GFO by-laws state that a majority of eligible faculty must vote for the vote to be official (reaching a virtual “quorum”), and a majority of those voting must vote yes for a measure to pass. In practice, this means an “abstain” vote is the same as a “no” vote.

Minutes submitted by Keith Nitta  
Meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm  
The next EC meeting will be Feb 25