The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:35pm on Thursday, February 10, 2022 in Room 3118 in Alumni Hall and via Zoom by President E. Duff Wrobbel.

Present: E. Duff Wrobbel, Laurie Rice, Jingyi Jia, Kim Carter, Igor Crk, Barbara McCracken, Kamran Shavezipur
Absent: Robert Bitter
Excused: Keith Hecht, Alison Reiheld
Guest: Ann Popkess

Public Comment:
There was no public comment.

Announcements:
The Governor’s disaster proclamation is expected to expire, so in-person meetings will resume in March. It is necessary to have a quorum in the room, but the remote attendance provision can be used for anyone else.

The Staff Senate President Mark Ferrell resigned from the University. Keith Becherer is replacing him.

Consideration of Minutes:
The minutes for the February 10, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

Action Items:
There were no action items.

Unfinished Business:
The Governor is allowing the state to go mask-optional in March, but it is still unclear what changes the University may make. Approval for in-person interviewing of faculty has been given, but there are concerns from departments that those who prefer to interview remotely could be given differential treatment. Concerns that protection for those with health issues and concerns will be gone, especially as Deans have been inconsistent with support for those concerns. There is a need for a consistent official response as leaving it up to Deans is problematic.

Another student protest event is scheduled as a demonstration in support of Black students, transparency, consistency of disclosure, and the importance of having a fair and unbiased due process. It was suggested that the Faculty Senate draft a “what we stand for” document.

New Business:
A draft of the President-Elect nomination message has been created and will be sent to current Faculty Senators. Nominations will be added as an agenda item to the March Faculty Senate meeting.

**Reports:**
The University Planning and Budget Council (UPBC) meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. The Committee for Higher Administrator Performance Appraisal (CHAPA) ad hoc committee have a timeline proposal ready.

The Continuous Improvement Conference will take place on March 18.

The Provost reviewed a submitted grievance and agreed that it was a non-grievable issue.

Rice reported that the Faculty and Staff Appreciation event will take place in an outdoor setting where people can stop by during a specific time frame.

Wrobbel attended a reconstituted state-wide committee of Faculty Senate Presidents at state universities. It can serve as an outlet for issues that need to be talked about on a state level. The topic of faculty morale and how it is promoted at other universities was suggested.

Concerns about returning to in-person meetings were discussed as Councils have to follow Open Meetings Act (OMA) requirements as sub-bodies of the Faculty Senate. Where possible larger rooms have been scheduled with additional seating to allow for social distancing.

There were no other reports.

**Adjournment:**
The meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm.

Submitted by Anne Hunter, University Governance
FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
February 10, 2022 – 2:30PM
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AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PUBLIC COMMENT*

III. ANOUNCEMENTS

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
   a. January 27, 2022

V. ACTION ITEMS

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. COVID and On-Ground Concerns

VII. NEW BUSINESS
   a. President-Elect Search

VIII. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL CHAIRS
   a. UPBC – Ann Popkess
   b. Faculty Development Council – Kim Carter & Alison Reiheld
   c. Curriculum Council – Keith Hecht
   d. Rules & Procedures Council – Kamran Shavezipur
   e. Welfare and Governance Council – Robert Bitter & Igor Crk
   f. Graduate Council – Barbara McCracken
   g. Past-President – Laurie Rice
   h. President-Elect – Jane Jia
   i. President – Duff Wrobbel

IX. ADJOURNMENT

*The Faculty Senate is accepting public comments via email to encourage social distancing and safety. Submitted comments will be read aloud during the meeting and added to the minutes. Please submit any comments to the University Governance Office at anhunte@slue.edu prior to the start of the meeting.