

SUMMARY OF UAS BUSINESS FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2020 MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Senate (ECS) met three times in October to discuss business of the University Academic Senate (UAS). These meetings were held on the following dates: October 9, October 16 and October 23. At these meetings, ECS acted within its powers as specified in our Shared Governance bylaws, acted on behalf of UAS or supported motions with recommendation to UAS.

A. ACTING WITHIN ITS POWERS OR ACTING ON BEHALF OF UAS:

ECS reviewed the following and acted on behalf of UAS (per SG 1.01 Section 3.1):

- ECS reviewed the University Assessment Committee (UAC) recommendation on revisions to UAC-Required Assessment Reporting in GVAdvance for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. According to the UAC recommendation, “Units are allowed to pause UAC-required assessment reporting in GVAdvance for Fall 2020 and Winter 2021. Units are welcome to enter data and UAC will review any data entered, but units are not required to enter data for Fall 2020 and Winter 2021. Assessment reporting will resume as normal in Fall 2021. Units will not be expected to go back and enter assessment data for Fall 2020 or Winter 2021.” After deliberations, ECS voted to support the UAC recommendation and act on behalf of UAS.
- ECS reviewed the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) recommendation on COVID-19 Temporary Personnel Policies for Winter 2021. According to the FPPC recommendation, “FAP ([SG 3.02.A](#)) that was due on November 2, 2020 now has a new deadline of March 15, 2021. LIFT surveys will be completed at the end of Fall 2020 and Winter 2021, but the surveys will not be considered in annual reviews or future personnel actions, unless the faculty member chooses to include them in the process. For the 2020 FAR, faculty will use their normal FAR form that is on Digital Measures and the usual deadline for the FAR applies. Faculty can add notable accomplishments in scholarship and service in their 2020 FAR if they wish and these will be folded into the 2021 yearly evaluation. Faculty do not need to reflect on scholarship, service, or significant focus on their 2020 FAR. Individual colleges may add additional requirements for the 2020 FAR due to accreditation or related purposes.” After deliberation, ECS voted to support the FPPC recommendation and act on behalf of UAS.
- ECS discussed the selection of ECS/UAS faculty for membership on the Steering Team for the university’s next strategic plan called *Reach Higher 2025*. “The role of the Steering Team will be to lead the campus through the planning process (leading discussions, town halls, etc. and writing up progress and outcomes). The Steering Team will have 12-15 people that will focus on leading the review and update of the mission, honing of the university strategy, and development of university KPIs.” The Strategic Plan and the proposed timeline, November 2020 to November 2021, will be presented to the BOT on November 6. The same will be presented to UAS on November 6. The following ECS/UAS faculty were appointed to represent faculty: Majd Al-Mallah (CLAS); Courtney Karasinski (CHP); Jared Moore (PCEC); Karyn Rabourn (COE); Elizabeth Psyck (UL). It must be noted that there are many other faculty members involved in other aspects of the planning such as Enrollment Management, Network of Advisors, etc. Faculty Governance/Shared Governance is at the center of the planning.

- ECS reviewed the Student Senate Resolution on Excused Absences for Voting. After deliberation, ECS formally accept the resolution and expressed its appreciation to the Student Senate for raising the issues. ECS plans to forward the resolution as a future charge for the Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) in the 2021-2022 AY.

B. PENDING UAS ACTION:

ECS made specific motions on the following business items with a recommendation of support to UAS:

- Affiliate Faculty Advisory Committee (AFAC) Memo: Revision to BOT 4.3.3 ([SHORE Log Number: 1193-2020](#))
- General Education Committee (GEC) Memo: Pausing Assessment of General Education Courses for the 2020-2021 Academic Year ([SHORE Log Number: 1182-2020](#))
- ECS listened to a presentation and discussed the university's next strategic plan called *Reach Higher 2025*. The Strategic Plan and the proposed timeline, November 2020 to November 2021, will be presented to the BOT on November 6 for endorsement. The Strategic Plan and the timeline will be presented to UAS on November 6.
- ECS had a discussion on Reorganization and Structural Changes in Academic and Student Affairs (ASA) and this discussion will be continued at UAS on November 6.