University Senates Conference Executive Committee Conference

MINUTES

August 18, 2021 2:07 pm Videoconference

The next USC meeting will be held by videoconference on August 31, 2021.

Present: Chair Robin Kar, William Maher, Michael Stroscio, Vice-Chair Sandy De Groote, Celest Weuve

• Quorum is met

Approve Minutes of August 5, 2021, Meeting

• Chair Kar proposed approval of minutes. Minutes approved except for the amendment of Celest Weuve's first name – removal of e at the end.

The Executive Committee discussed plans for the August 31, 2021, meeting

• Topics proposed for discussion with President Killeen, Interim Executive Vice President unable to Attend the prep meeting but able to attend the August 31, 2021, meeting.

Discussion on how to satisfy the Open Meetings Act if a quorum of members is not comfortable meeting in person due to COVID-19 related concerns

- When unable to make quorum action on items will not take place
- Discuss with legal counsel
- Discussed Possibility of Holding meetings with straw polls (instead of formal votes) until quorum reached to ratify

Discuss establishing a deadline/date for items to make it on the agenda as action items

• Action item must be submitted three weeks before the next USC

Discuss breakout sessions for USC committees during the August 31st meeting

• Breakout sessions will be set up for USC subcommittees over the noon hour

Discuss meeting dates for fall Executive Committee meetings

 Proposed dates 1st or 2nd Tuesday of the month anytime between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm A decision was made to hold meetings ideally on the first Tuesday of the month from 1:30 – 3:00; details to follow by e-mail to EC members once logistics resolved.

Discuss schedule for September USC meeting and retreat

 Delay this discussion until the next meeting, so that USC input can be obtained on topics and some logistics.

Guests to consider inviting for future meetings

• Delay this discussion until after first USC meeting, so broader USC input can be utilized.

USC Business Agenda items

• Discussed January & February meetings taking place via Zoom. Further discussion to take place at USC meeting

USC Agenda

- Discussed agenda items for the August 31st meeting
- Discussed retreat topics for the September 27 and 28th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm