

**University Senates Conference**  
Executive Committee

MINUTES

November 23, 2021  
1:30 p.m.  
Zoom Conference

**Present:** Chair Robin Kar, Vice-Chair Sandra DeGroote, Michael Stroschio, William Maher, Celest Weuve, Ann Strahle

Chair Kar called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

The Minutes of the October 19 meeting were approved. After approval Sandy made a motion for a correction that needed to be made. Under guests to consider inviting for future meetings the last sentence on the first page implies that the USC did meet with Chancellor Amiridis last read but the USC did not meet with the Chancellor. Chair Kar states that he feels this was just a typo and to correct add the word “not” after this portion of the sentence “starting with the UIC Chancellor in January if possible as the USC did.” Correction was made during the meeting and the amendments to the minutes were approved.

There was no public comment.

**Old Business:** The Executive Committee continued a discussion on inviting student representatives. If student representatives are invited the consensus is to have representatives from each campus attend together during a USC meeting. If a panel of students is invited to speak Maher feels that it would be important to have a topic for them to discuss. For example, asking the students to talk about the experience of going to those different types of instruction, the different experiences of being on campus and not being on campus, doing things remotely, being on campus but having to do a lot of classes through remote instruction. Chair Kar feels this conversation should be carried over to the next EC meeting and during that time questions could be developed and put into a letter to the student representatives so that they could form a panel. Office Manager Lori Bender to reach out to Chancellor Amiridis about attending January USC meeting and if he is unavailable than the USC would invite student representatives.

**Today’s Business:** The Executive Committee discussed plans for the December 9, 2021, USC meeting.

- Topics proposed for discussion with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Ghosh
- Guest to consider for future USC meetings. Sandy notes that Chancellor Amiridis was a guest of interest and was to be scheduled. Office Manager Lori Bender updates the EC on the status of this invite. The EC would really like to have Chancellor Amiridis attend the January USC meeting.

- No guest for next meeting so this was not discussed

**New Business:** The EC discussed the pros and cons of asking for specific questions to be submitted by members of the USC to be considered when developing the questions for the president. Sandy felt that through discussions during the USC meeting that the EC committee is obtaining this information but that it is important to make it clear during the meeting that this is an opportunity for members to bring up issues that can then be discussed and decided on during the EC meetings rather than asking members to send in questions. The EC agreed with Sandy so gathering this information to help formulate questions for the president will remain this way.

**Proposals of EC – Action Items:** None

**Proposals of USC – Action Items:** None

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 pm

The next USC-EC meeting will be held Tuesday, January 11, 2022, from 1:30 -3:00 pm via Zoom Conference.