

University Senates Conference
Executive Committee

MINUTES

February 8, 2022
1:30 p.m.
Zoom Conference

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

I. Call to order: at 1:33 pm.

II. Public comment: None

III. Old Business: None

IV. Today's Business:

The Executive Committee discussed plans for the February 22, 2022, meeting.

- Topics to propose for discussion with President Killeen and Executive Vice President Ghosh*:
 1. Updates on the hire of a new EVP. Decided not to bring this topic up for discussion during the February meeting but keep the topic on the radar for a future USC meeting yet this year.
 2. Bridge loans and how they work.
 3. Faculty raises.
 4. Budget related to retirement funding.
 5. Who is the DEI contact on the System level? Decided not to bring this topic up for discussion at the February meeting but keep the topic on the radar for a future USC meeting.
- Topics were proposed for discussion with Discovery Partners Institute (DPI):
- The Executive Committee discussed future USC guests.

Office Manager Bender informed the committee that Joe Barnes, Chief Digital Risk Officer for the System, has expressed interest in meeting with the USC. Committee would like to invite Barnes to meet with them during April 26, 2022, meeting. Bender to follow up with Barnes to arrange.

V. New Business:

- Topic of possible shared governance procedural innovations for coming out of the pandemic was discussed as a topic for the February 26, 2022, USC meeting. EC committee agreed that this would be a good topic for the USC.
- Chair Kar shares the idea that it might be helpful to develop a survey with some open-ended questions that are intended to help inform the senate executive committee about faculty experiences so that we can best represent the provost, the chancellor, and the president and that this document could be passed along to those administrators to help inform some of the decision makings and give a basis to kind of push for various things the USC notices to be recurrent.
- Kar also feels it would be worthwhile to have a discussion among the USC during the Feb 26th meeting regarding the topic of possible system role in promoting global initiatives.
- Kar also feels that it would be important to review the 10 topics presented to the BoT back last year to help determine if progress has been made on these 10 topics.

VI. Proposal of EC – Action Items

- None

VI. Proposals of USC – Action Items

- None

The next USC-EC meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 1:30 -3:00 pm via Zoom Conference.