



**Faculty Senate  
Minutes of the Executive Committee**

**Presiding:** Jeffrey G. Marchetta

**Date:** January 19, 2021

**Secretary:** R. Jeffrey Thieme (Secretary)

**Members Present:** Jeffrey G. Marchetta (President), Jill A. Dapremont (President-Elect), Thomas E. Banning (Past-President), R. Jeffrey Thieme (Secretary), Mark Sunderman (Parliamentarian), and W. Pat Travis (At-Large)

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** None

The meeting was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 via the Zoom video conferencing platform due to restrictions imposed in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

**01.19.21.01 Call to Order**

President Jeff Marchetta called the virtual meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) to order with a quorum at 2:41 pm.

**01.19.21.02 Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as written.

**01.19.21.03 Approval of Minutes**

*(Executive Committee November 10, 2020)*

The minutes of the November 10, 2020 Faculty Senate (FS) Executive Committee meeting were approved as written.

**01.19.21.04 President's Report**

*President's Council Update*

President Marchetta reported that the return to campus plan is getting a lot of attention. Provost Tom Nenon is trying to avoid using the words voluntary or compulsory. Instead, his message is that they want to be flexible and work it out within departments. President Marchetta raised concerns about the messaging. The first time we have faculty that have to teach face to face against their will, it will be taken up by the Senate. He urged Provost Nenon to stress flexibility when he communicates this message with the deans.

President-elect Jill Dapremont asked how the vaccine plays a role in the return to campus plan. President Marchetta replied that the vaccine is not really a factor this semester because it won't be protective until the semester is over. He also said that the earliest faculty could get the vaccine would be March.

Parliamentarian Mark Sunderman asked about students that don't want to return to face to face meetings if the class returns. President Marchetta replied that faculty should be flexible with students.

President Marchetta reported that Raaj Kurapati (Chief Financial Officer) wants to reconvene the university budget committee because of the budget impacts of COVID-19. We expect to get around \$18M in federal funding. He asked if we wanted Senator Zabi Rezaee to replace Dr. Peter McMickle on that committee. Secretary Jeff Thieme suggested to ask Dr. McMickle if he wanted to continue to serve or be replaced with Senator Rezaee. The EC agreed to reach out to Dr. McMickle to see if he's interested in continuing to serve.

#### **01.19.21.05 Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

#### **01.19.21.06 New Business**

*(M2020.21.19) Motion to Create Dual Career Policy Task Force– Faculty Policies Standing Committee*

President Marchetta asked the EC if they wanted to put this motion on the agenda. The EC agreed to do so. The EC also agreed that President-elect Dapremont should allow committees to create their own charges and subcommittees without full FS approval next year. But if a committee wanted to get support from the full FS, they could propose a motion.

*Report of Executive Committee, Mihalis Golias, and Melissa Janoske McLean*

President Marchetta reviewed the work of Senators Mihalis Golias and Melissa Janoske McLean on GA funding. The EC agreed to place this item on the agenda. It will receive an up or down vote to accept and will not be subject to amendments.

*Report of Administrative Policies Standing Committee*

President Marchetta reported that Senator Ted Burkey, chair of the Administrative Policies Committee, submitted a report from the Administrative Policies Committee. The EC agreed to place this report on the agenda.

*Report of the Faculty Policies Standing Committee*

President Marchetta reported that Senator Esra Ozdenerol submitted a report from the Faculty Policies Committee. The EC agreed to place this report on the agenda.

*Report of the Special Committee on Anti-Racism*

President Marchetta reported that President-elect Dapremont submitted a report from the Special Committee on Anti-racism. The EC agreed that this report will be placed on the agenda and a final report from the committee will be submitted for the February meeting.

*Request for Investigation of Public Safety Institute*

President Marchetta asked the EC how they wanted to proceed with the request to create a charge to investigate the Public Safety Institute (PSI). The EC agreed not to make the suggested charge. President Marchetta to inform the Senator that the charge isn't going to be on the agenda for the January FS meeting. He will suggest that the Senator could take the charge to a committee chair or propose it as a motion to the full Faculty Senate. He will suggest approaching either the Faculty Policies Committee, Administrative Policies Committee, or Research Policies Committee. He'll also suggest that the Senator make the motion clearer and more specific. He'll also reach out to the chairs of the three committees to ensure that they understand that any motion from their committee needs approval by that committee.

**01.19.21.07 Discussion Issues**

*Ombudsperson Report-Carr*

There was no report.

*Trustee Report-Kemme*

There was no report.

*Review Draft Agenda for January Faculty Senate Meeting*

President Marchetta reviewed FS agenda items with the EC.

**01.19.21.08 Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm.