

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MONDAY, March 23, 2020
Remote Meeting - Teams | 4:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Present: Anderson, Clinefelter, DeKrey, Feinstein, Fischer, Luger, Maxey, Murry, Schuttler
Senbet, Toewe

Absent:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

Approval of the Agenda

Approved without objection.

Approval of the Minutes from March 2, 2020

The minutes were approved without objection.

Announcements

Chair's Report (Luger) – We will proceed with Teams for committee and try Zoom for Senate; Anne has made her Zoom Pro account available for Senate use. Shut-out to Betsy for organizing the online transition.

Senate Committee Reports

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Salary Equity (Clinefelter) – In light of the pandemic and its economic impacts, the Salary Equity Committee will include with its compensation reduction a statement recognizing the budgetary difficulties UNC is facing. We understand that raises may not be feasible and that a decision may not be reached until after the Fall census date.

DISCUSSION: While the pool for raises is 2 million, the University could be looking at fiscal challenges to the tune of tens of millions of dollars next year. UNC is taking multimillion-dollar losses incorporated refunds for student room and board. At this time, we don't know how Summer camps and courses will be affected; it may be as much as a 10-million-dollar impact. Further enrollment deposits for the Fall term are down over 200 students; it is still unclear what any federal or state support might look like.

Standing Reports

Board of Trustees (Fischer) – A special BOT meeting was called on 3/12 to examine the renegotiation of bonds. When markets were favorable, there may have been an opportunity to save as much as 3 million dollars, but at this point, the bond issues are in disarray. The process is on hold.

President (Feinstein) – Leadership teams are meeting daily to address a multitude of challenges in all areas of University function. Stan is taking part in a cabinet meeting. We are communicating frequently with faculty, staff, and students to keep everyone informed. Kudos to faculty for making the sudden switch to online learning.

DISCUSSION:

xThe students returning to campus housing are those for whom campus housing is their primary place of residence. Many more students are checking out.

xDepartments can reach out to their majors whether they are on or off campus via social media and email to check on them/provide a direct means of communication and contact

xSome faculty are experiencing more student participation and engagement in classes than ever. Zoom is holding up well

Provost (Anderson)– In this critical transitioning time, faculty have done an amazing job implementing online delivery.

Based on current circumstances, Senate may choose not to ~~hold~~ a faculty meeting.

Comments to the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm

Stan Luger
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary