

UNIVERSITY SENATE
Executive Committee

A G E N D A

Web Ex
April 17, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.

Chair's Report– Jon Oliver, Senate Chair

Secretary's Report– Mary Mickelsen, Senate Executive Secretary

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of the [March 6, 2020 Minutes](#) of the Senate Executive Committee Meeting
- Communications:
 - Updates from NJPIRG
 - [Camden](#)
 - [Newark](#)
 - [New Brunswick](#)
 - [2020-2021 Senate Calendar](#) – Revised based on March 6 EC meeting feedback
 - 2nd Annual New Senator Orientation scheduled for September 11 on Cook Campus
 - The Following University Policy has been updated in the University Policy Library:
 - [Policy 50.2.1: Senate Membership and Organization](#)
 - [Policy 50.2.1: Senate Membership and Organization Strikeout Version](#)

Update on the Implementation of Canvas – Michele Norin, CIO and Charlie Collick, Associate Director of Information Technology

- Click [here](#) for recorded presentation by Charlie Collick
- Questions by the EC to be documented and sent to Michele and Charlie so they may answer and reply back to prior to next EC meeting.

Administrative Report– Barbara Lee, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Standing Committees/Panels

Method for populating the new Information Technology Committee

Proposed Charges/Resolutions:

Proposed Charge to the Instruction Curricula and Advising Committee (ICAC) on Lessons Learned from University-wide Online Learning – Submitted by Jon Oliver, Senate Chair/NB Staff

***Charge:** Evaluate the current policies, practices, plans and outcomes for remote instruction across the University in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Assess any lessons learned from the transitioning to online learning because of the pandemic.*

Proposed Charge to the Information Technology Committee (ITC) on Evaluation of University Continuity of Operations – Submitted by Jon Oliver, Senate Chair/NB Staff

***Charge:** Evaluate the IT implications of remote instruction, research and telecommuting necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Examine issues and make any recommendations to*

ensure the continuity of the mission and operations of the university during this and future crises.

Resolution on Part-Time Lecturer Health Care – Submitted by Karen Thompson, PTL-NB (F) and Boris Paskhover, NJMS (F)

As our world continues to change around us, we as Rutgers faculty have to adapt and adjust to what our community needs. In the past few weeks/months we as a group have completely restructured our daily lives to help provide essential services. In the coming weeks, many of us will be asked to place ourselves on the front lines, including providing care outside our scope of practice in order to save lives. We consider this change a necessary part of our roles as healthcare providers. Those of us who primarily teach, part-time lecturers in particular, have upended their lives taking on unusual responsibilities and extra work beyond our paid assignments. We take these new roles on in our students interest as educators. The University Senate [or EC or ?] would like to make it clear that the faculty will do whatever is necessary to protect and support our population but Rutgers leadership also must step up regarding our contractual concerns. When a significant portion of faculty are not guaranteed healthcare and the contractual terms of faculty are still in the air, the added uncertainty provides an extra level of stress. A good faith statement from the administration that once the acute emergency resolves, we will all be treated fairly and appropriately for our sacrifices and efforts is the least we can expect.

Committee Reports/Resolutions:

Academic Standards, Regulations, and Admissions Committee (ASRAC) [S-1910: Grade Inflation](#) – Robert Schwartz, ASRAC Chair

The ASRAC was charged as follows:

Investigate the extent of grade inflation at Rutgers over the past 20 years. Determine what factors contributed to whatever grade inflation exists and make appropriate recommendations. Respond by April 2020.

Faculty and Personnel Affairs Committee (FPAC) [A-1912: Consensual Relationship Policy](#) – Joseph Markert and Farid Alizadeh, FPAC Co-Chairs

The FPAC was charged as follows:

Policy Prohibiting Consensual Relationships in Academic Settings: Review the draft University Policy Prohibiting Consensual Relationships in Academic Settings and the accompanying Mitigation Plan for Consensual Relationships Template. Make any appropriate recommendations. Respond to the Senate Executive Committee by December 2019.

Instruction, Curricula, and Advising Committee (ICAC) [S-1809: Student Success/Advising and Career Services](#) – Natalie Borisovets, ICAC Chair

The ICAC was charged as follows:

Examine issues relating to undergraduate advising and career services across the university and make appropriate recommendations. Respond to the Senate Executive Committee by April 2020.

Student Affairs Committee (SAC) [S-1913: Health and Wellness Support for Rutgers University Students](#) – Elizabeth Matto, SAC Chair

The SAC was charged as follows:

Investigate health and wellness services available to students and the initiatives utilized to promote awareness across the University and make recommendations. Respond to the Senate Executive Committee by March 2020

[Nominating Panel](#) 2020 Update: The Nominating Panel met on April 9, 2020 via WebEx and made recommendations for all faculty, staff, and alumni positions. It was decided to hold off on the student nominations due to the lack of election results from the respective schools. This might be revisited if Mickelsen receives these results prior to the May 1 Organizational Meeting. Mickelsen has reached out to all prospective candidates to determine their willingness to run and will report back to the Nominating Panel.

Old Business

[Resolution](#) to Celebrate President Robert Barchi

New Business

University Senate May 1, 2020 Agenda

- Last Regular Senate Meeting of the 2019-2020 Senate
- 2020-2021 Organizational Meeting
- Senate Resolution dedicated to President Robert Barchi

Adjournment