I. Approval of Minutes and Consent Calendar

Chair Joseph Bristow

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:05 P.M.

The November 29, 2018 Minutes were approved as written.

The Consent Calendar was approved with no objections (see Section V and VI.)

II. Welcome and Brief Announcements

Chair Joseph Bristow

Chair Joseph Bristow welcomed Legislative Assembly Members. Chair Bristow outlined the meeting agenda and provided a brief description of presentations.

III. Announcements by the Chancellor

NONE

IV. Other Announcements / Presentations

CFO Gregg Goldman; AVC Baird-James

Ascend Project (New Financial System)

The Ascend project, a UCLA initiative, is a financial system that will replace UCLA’s 30-year-old financial management system. Corporate Financial Systems and Academic Planning & Budget are working with the Huron Consulting Group with the goal of updating the financial system and decrease the number of shadow systems that many departments use. Many systems currently do not speak to each other; Ascend is expected to resolve this issue. The expected go live is July 2020.

The Ascend Project will impact expense reimbursement, chart of accounts (replacing FAUs), and procurement. The Ascend Team is seeking feedback from Senate faculty on needs, implementation, etc.

Chief Financial Officer Gregg Goldman provided a brief update on the budget process.

V. Consent Calendar

Chair Joseph Bristow

A. 2018-19 Committee on Committees Slate Updates
B. Proposed Bylaw Revisions: Radiation Oncology
C. 2017-18 Annual Reports
D. Review & Reapportion the Voting Constituencies of Committee on Committees
VI. Special Orders - Annual Reports

2017-18 Annual Reports
  • Council on Academic Personnel
  • Committee on Academic Freedom

VII. Reports on Special Committees

NONE

VIII. Reports of Standing Committees and Faculties

With no objections by LgA voting members, the following were voted on by a show of hands.

A. Proposal to Revise UCLA Academic Senate Bylaws 155 and 140
   Vice Chair Michael Meranze presented the proposed revisions, which will reduce the time between the presentation to the LgA and the effective date. The motion to approve the bylaw revisions was approved.

B. Proposed B.A. in Music Composition and B.M. in Music Performance
   Faculty Executive Committee Chair Lily Chen-Hafteck presented the proposal on behalf of the Undergraduate Council. After a brief presentation, the motion to approve the proposed B.A. and B.M was approved. The B.M. in Music Performance is a new designation and will, therefore, be transmitted to Systemwide for final approval.

C. Proposal for a Master of Applied Geospatial Information Systems and Technologies (Online) Graduate Program
   Faculty Executive Committee Chair Aaron Tornell presented the proposal on behalf of the Graduate Council. After a brief presentation, Professor Michael Shin answered questions regarding the proposed program. The motion to approve the proposed program was approved by a majority vote.

IX. Petitions of Students

NONE

X. Unfinished Business

NONE

XI. University and Faculty Welfare

Updates on UC and Campus Issues
Open Access – Chair Bristow and University Librarian Virginia Steel
Chair Bristow briefed members on the UC negotiations with Elsevier and the expectation of UCs withdrawal. Librarian Virginia Steel provided additional remarks regarding the status, including information on the current contract and the rate increase should the UC remain with Elsevier.
LgA members expressed both pros and cons and the options that the UC is left with should the contract with Elsevier terminate. Several faculty suggested the UC Library system move away from publishers and publish within our own system. Many faculty expressed their disappointment and asked that the Senate continue discussion on the matter.

I. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.