Governing Council Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 2014

MINUTES

GC Members Present: Yvonne Edwards, Camille Fernandez, Elizabeth Geno, Devin Jones, Lynn Greene, Devin Jones, Sean McMahon, Lata Naidu, Rochelle Niccolls, Cheryl Olson, Greg Ryan, Donna Seaward, Diane Sprouse, Deborah Tato, Kathleen Valerio

GC Members Excused: Cindy Andallo, Barinder Flanagan, Vinaya Gokarn, Toni Whittle-Ciprazo, Andrea Sohn

Guests: Steve Garber, Educational Technology Services

I. Chair’s announcements and vote to approve minutes
   • A big thank you to the Events Committee for coordinating Voices at the Table.
   • Amended minutes of February 27, 2014 were approved with no abstentions.

II. Elections Committee Update
   • The elections committee will meet today to discuss a timeline for this process. Donna Seaward will update members as soon as a timeline is set.

III. Chancellor’s Chat Update and Brainstorm
   • The Executive Committee met with Dan Mogulof from Public Affairs to discuss possible themes, timing, space capacity/overflow and security. Rochelle Niccolls will contact Dan with more information after the Governing Council meeting.
   • Given there is a new chancellor, GC members discussed past Chancellor’s Chat’s and possibly moving away from tradition.
   • More discussion and brainstorming at the next GC meeting.
IV. Voices at the Table Debrief and Discussion

- What topics resonate most with staff?
Some staff members used this time to vent their workplace issues with topics that were important to staff such as salary equity, contract hiring, disabled services for newly hired staff, and improving educational benefits.

- What role should BSA take, if any, to help further the initiatives that are important to staff on campus?
This topic was postponed for discussion at a future meeting.

Upcoming BSA Events:

- Chancellor’s Chat (April 8)
- UC Berkeley Staff Climate Survey results presented to BSA (May 8)
- Excellence in Management Ceremony (May 23)
- BSA Meeting at 4th Street (TBD)

Respectfully submitted,

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