

## Executive Committee Meeting

July 9, 2020

1:00pm Virtual

Charlie announced that the task force did not meet today. They usually meet 8:30 to 10:00. If anything came out of task force we would consider it, but they didn't meet.

Two things for the meeting on Monday 10 days from today:

1. Provost Morgan will speak or designee
2. John Jebb – will she take questions?

Charlie – I don't think she's opposed to it. She wants to speak or have someone from her office talk. We'll open it up to take questions.

Also, John Jebb will continue as Parliamentarian – thank you John.

### Agenda for Special Meeting

Remarks by Charlie – Moment of silence for Prasad

Remarks by Provost

Relaxed grading – Chris will write resolutions.

Chris – easy of the two – Chris shows redline on screen

Lynn wanted to reduce COVID over the Labor Day week-end. We care about labor day as a holiday, but other than that – thoughts? No other thoughts

Next one – continuation of modify pass/fail – Charlie can explain in more detail. As a reminder to the group we removed it for the summer, but question came up to bring it back in the fall. Ultimately, because there was not unanimous or majority that were in favor of continuing pass/fail modification for fall. Senate will vote on this.

Chris is chipping away at this... more complicated. He describes the whereas clauses. Spread sheet that details all of this.

The sentence should have some numbers with it, but admin has not submitted them

Charlie – or we can modify resolution to remove the need for that number.

Brian – modification of this section have usually gone through UGS

Chris – CCE should look at the calendar too.

Charlie – we don't actually have to send these to various committees. Exec can decide to move them along, but don't want to do that more than necessary.

If it goes to UGS and then CCE we may not have the meeting until August.

Amy – usually by August, we will know if we are coming to campus. We'll know if this is something.

Charlie - I think university is going to start on campus – we may shut down pretty early.

Matt – 2 things pass fail – this came up in spring. There were people asking what are we doing. They would rather have answer sooner than later.

2 – getting a sense of steering committee. Harvard had all freshmen come back. Upperclass live off campus.

Chris – I can see us skipping committees.

Charlie – I think this resolution will fail. Lynn doesn't even support the resolution. She's moving it forward because she had the votes.

John – do they need to be crosses out or leave the crossed out there?

Chris – I did not know how to handle that.

John Jebb – if you take it out - it has to be put back in.

Matt – remember we are not changing – we are temporary changing. We are not changing the handbook.

Karren – Matt is correct – these are temporary.

Brian – don't do the cross outs – do a new paragraph below.

Charlie – don't even put it in the faculty handbook section – for fall 2020 semester students can opt to convert their grades to high pass, mid pass, low pass and call it a day.

Brian – additional thing that happened. Students can convert them after they've gotten their grades.

Addendum

Matt – these are temporary suspensions.

Charlie – do diligence and put this together. My guess is it's not going to pass.

Amy – It depends on who's attending the meeting.

Charlie – I think the faculty – Bill Rose sent me an email saying faculty won't support it. That's one voice against it.

Matt – how it's presented – students don't have to submit their course evaluations. I don't see that as consistency there. I was going into a meeting – what are they coming at you on the other side.

Chris – two undergrads on committee and they support it. They were unanimously in favor of it.

Charlie – it's not confirmed that faculty are not going to get a break on student evaluations.

Amy – I thought we weren't getting evaluated this year. My problem is they can make their decision after their grades are posted. They should make them at some point before.

Charlie – of course students will support it – no down side to it for them. The only down side is that some of their fellow student will gave a higher GPA than other. I'm not surprised that students support it.

Chris – there was never a secondary conversation. That has never come up. We could send it back to them and send it back or we could come up with a date ourselves.

Amy – then we're talking August again.

Charlie – I agree with Amy we don't have time. We can say you have to do it in October

Amy – senator could amend on floor.

Brian – change to listen or drop course until 7<sup>th</sup> week of classes.

Charlie – policy allows students to get pass/fail grade for required course. Many course you must take a letter grade.

Brian – incomplete it doesn't indicate that they count for required courses. From my point of view as UGS person this is so ambiguous. I would never have passed it through UGS.

Chris – I copied this language off the website this past spring. I don't think that language was on – should be added. Don't treat it as complete.

Brian – that fact that you can do this after you've gotten your grades, Mid pass ... semi graded (low mid high pass) they would be allowed.

Charlie – mid pass is allowed as a required course. A change in policy. Lots of reasons why I don't like it, but it might pass.

Charlie – okay - want to take it off line and work on it?

Amy – Students were confused this spring.

Charlie – 12 are going back to regular grading.

Chris – that was up for debate. Dean Thompson came up with another list of schools that was going with this.

Matt – John Pelesko is against it.

Charlie – let's take this off line and work on it.

Chris – okay - Registrar is first step

Brian – Bill Rose or Rusty Lee should weigh in – it needs to be clearer to students.

Chris – Bill is pretty much done and Rusty is ready to go. I'm hoping this meeting is the last this summer?

Discussion about Canvas –Now it's a blank page, but they are offering templates – roster ready by beginning of August. Ask Faculty Comons folks.

Charlie – multiple sections – can't convert them into one section. Some faculty are screaming about this. To keep sections synchronized you have to do it manually.

Chris – 4 sections

Charlie – new rule. New lawyer for university in charge of privacy issues. A student in one section could see roster in another course.

Amy - I teach two sections that count as one course --

Charlie - I don't know if they'll push this as an online course. UD doesn't have to do this. Option that prevents that. For some reason they don't want to turn that option on.

Brian – UGS pushed back on this from registrar's office. New interpretation of FERPA.

Charlie – Computer Science had conversation about this. Instructure is well aware of this. IT people don't want to figure that option – don't remember why.

Brian - music first raised a stink.

Charlie – not problem for me.

Amy – mine is cross listed course – 4 sections in one class.

Charlie – okay, we'll go off line work on resolution and email it to everybody. Anything else you want to share?

12 Non elected senators that administration selects --

Grad college dean insisted on being part of it, but has no roster of faculty. Biden school is not a college

Matt – they are a separate entity "School" name only. We do have schools with-in college, but they are a stand alone college called a school.

Chaarlie – they get 12 seats they will select who they include.

Brian – Deans will have a cow --

Charlie – it's the provost's thing.

Section IV amended to 12 appointed by President and Provost. And also added Honors College .

Chris – they could appoint random people?

John – they could appoint 12 senators from University administration.

Brian – there should be something that restricts folks who have faculty rank. Deans, President and Provost in faculty. Student life dean is an exception. We wouldn't want Lawyers or Staff from title IX office. Mostly only faculty rank.

Brian – with the exception of Jose Riera, they have all worked their way up through the faculty.

Chris – leave stuff crossed out - for example parenthetical list.

Charlie - doesn't solve the problem.

John – from University administrators who hold faculty staff with the exception of Student Life.

Brian – 11 senators selected by Provost and President and list the Student Life VP

Chris – we may need to run this past Provost.

Charlie – I would have gone with the simple language.

Brian – don't want to see VP's or Lawyers having yellow cards.

John Jebb – has to be presented by Rules committee.

Brian – recognized it would need to be changed. We didn't vote because Robin was going to make some decision. I can run past Rules via email.

Chris – is there any hurry if it doesn't make it by September.

Charlie – can't wait because they have to vote at September meeting.

Amy – will we run into this every year? I can see them reorganizing.

Brian – we didn't want a specific list. This has been revised two years in a row. We wanted it to be longer lasting language. Rules was in favor of change in this direction – send me final wording and I can get this approved rather quickly. My objection is I want them to be almost all faculty.

Chris – are we okay opening up this section with them? Should that start with the elected faculty?

Brian – I like that – switch the paragraph around

Amy – yes, I like that.

Brian – agree with the general principle this could also be done off line.

Chris – Okay here's the language – if we are okay with this we can send it to Rules.

Charlie – can you send that to us so I can send it to Robin?

John – requires 2/3's at a senate meeting.

Charlie – a week in advance... and send it to Robin.

Chris – what is happening with Biden school?

Brian – he admitted it wasn't.

Matt – It's a college in everything but name. They should get everything a separate college gets. I think semantics is just that. It's a stand along college and they are out on their own.

Brian – it was a way of letting people have that discussion over the year in the recycle of the allocation.

Charlie – we need to resolve this by the July meeting? If not can we push this off ?

Amy – I'm good with it.

Charlie - Biden issue we can resolve this later? I want to get as much at this July meetings we can. We are okay with Labor Day resolution, okay with relaxed grading, administrator senator thing.

Brian – let me know if Robin is okay and I'll get it to rules right away. We would not like to look at this language every year.

Charlie – anything else? Next exec by email. Senate shut down as much as possible in summer to give summer off.