

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 15, 2021
Minutes

- I. CT Caucus visitors
 - a. The group has been approached about workload issues and asked what protections there are when class size is increased. Without physical classroom limits, these can be increased significantly. There is no language about this. They wanted to find out the extent of the issue so a survey was sent to their caucus. What was discovered was not overwhelming but there were enough people concerned about change in workload that it was not an isolated incident. The biggest concern was class size and that this will be the new normal. This is not just a CT faculty issue. The caucus met with AUP and they suggested taking this to the faculty senate. They plan to follow up with another survey at the end of the semester. They would like to investigate what peer institutions are doing in regards to class size. They'd like a policy for how to treat classes regardless of who teaches them. The hope is for the executive committee to form an adhoc committee to look at this, so it's not coming from the CT Caucus. Dr. Boncelet noted that workload is part of P&T and in the handbook. They could get numbers regarding class sizes from the registrar or provost. TAs were discussed as a possible way to address this. There was a suggestion that depts. have equity policies, outside of the bylaws in order to prevent abuses. A committee wouldn't finish work until next fall. But workload policies could be looked at for consistencies.
- II. Follow up items from the February Faculty senate meeting
 - a. John Morgan asked for rules data. Karren Helsel-Spry is working on this.
 - b. The Office of Ombudsman issue needs to be pushed back onto the Provost's office. There needs to be a place for people to go to complain and get answers. If the provost says no, will need to bring forth again as a resolution.
 - c. Jim Morrison brought up the issue of food insecurity. Have the student life committee look at this. There are programs in place that they can identify.
 - d. Dr. Boncelet had a meeting with Robin Morgan. There was an issue brought from Lou Rossi who wants to speed up the approval process for new programs. There was a proposal in neuro science with funding but they couldn't get it approved in time. Karren will see if this is in the pipeline.