

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
April 29, 2020

Committee Trustees: Dennis-LaVigne, Fang, Gouin, Lobo and Rubin

Additional Trustees: Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Gandara, O'Connor, Pollard, Ritter, Toscano, and Tumu

University Senate: Bansal, Bird, Boyer, Chafouleas, Polifroni, Seth, and Van Heest

Staff: Agwunobi, Bannister, Croucher, Elliott, Fuerst, Gelston, Gilbert, Jordan, Katsouleas, Lombardo, Rubin, Volin, Weiner, and Williams

Committee Chairwoman Gouin convened the meeting at 9:01 a.m. via phone call.

No public comment was volunteered on any of the agenda items.

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Fang, the minutes of the April 2, 2020, meeting were approved as circulated.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced *Action Item #2 Recommendations for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2019-2020*. Moved by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced *Action Item #3 Promotion and Tenure*. Moved by Trustee Fang, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced *Action Item #4 Designation of Emeritus Status*. Moved by Trustee Fang, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced *Action Item #5 Sabbatical Leave Recommendations*. Moved by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced *Action Item #6 Modification of Name Recommendation for Rose and Julius Urman*. Moved by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced *Action Item #7 Proposed By-Law Change to Provide Tenure-Track Faculty with a COVID-19 Related Tenure Clock Extension*. Moved by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Fang, the Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

Interim Provost Elliott shared *Informational Item #8, Academic Program Inventory; Informational Item #9, Faculty Consulting Program; and Informational Item #10, Tenure Track Reappointments*.

Interim Provost Elliott introduced a short presentation by Assistant Vice Provost Peter Diplock, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, focused on the multidisciplinary COVID-19 course and on CETL responses to the pandemic.

Trustee Rubin called a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Trustee Fang. Chairwoman Gouin adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah K. Croucher
Committee Secretary