

Meeting Minutes  
Executive Committee of the AFSE  
January 14 2022  
12 NOON via Zoom

Present: Samantha Brunhaver, Marcus Herrmann (chair), Dianne Hansford (secretary), Rosa Krajmalnik-Brown, Anthony Lamanna, Pitu Mirchandani, Jitendran Muthuswamy, George Pan, Rod Roscoe, Sefaattin Tongay, Yalin Wang, Yong-Hang Zhang

Absent: Christopher Buneo

Guests: Kyle Squires

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from December 2021 were unanimously approved.

Update to the Bylaws

The committee members agree on the following new language for the bylaws.

"The Executive Committee is empowered to make interim revisions to the FSE Bylaws to bring FSE into required compliance with changes in administrative structures implemented at the university level or in ACD policies. Examples include, updating bylaws to reflect changes in the name or number of FSE schools, or changes in ACD policy that FSE must comply with. Such revisions along with the rationale for the revisions will be communicated within 30 days to the members of the Assembly by email and will require an affirmative vote by the Assembly within 1 year to be made permanent."

Kyle: Administrative changes are reflected in the bylaws to keep them up to date, but approval is pro forma. Governance changes are different. When bylaws change, they go to provost for approval. There might be a back and forth with the provost before AFSE vote. Final approval happens once AFSE votes.

Yong-Hang: Do we need approval by the AFSE?

Marcus: Yes, so that this is not taking powers from AFSE.

COVID19 Update

Kyle: Many more COVID19 cases are being reported because we required testing before coming on campus. We have established an ASU-sync protocol if faculty test positive or cannot come to campus.

Rosie: I have had a student who tested positive and cannot come to class. Testing was not required but suggested. I have heard that testing is finding 50% positive.

Rod: Testing is just making us aware of cases that are there. I encountered students who did not know about Sun Devil Drop-off.

Rosie: If students test through ASU, then the university will do contact tracing.

Pitu: Can we ask students to test? Kyle: see my email; it is a politically difficult situation.

Yong-Hang: In my small graduate class, some students want to attend via Zoom only for safety. Some faculty feel the same. We should offer Zoom during this surge.

Kyle: Faculty should not make decisions on zoom mode unilaterally.

Tony: Students want to go online, so we are only offering recording.

Kyle: That is okay.

Kyle: A student who is far away or tested positive can come in Zoom. We have to accommodate many situations.

Marcus: the rules for what to do after exposure are not clear. Is ASU following Maricopa County protocol? (There is a flow chart.) Do we fall under K-12 guidance regarding quarantine and masks?

#### Faculty Searches

Rosie: Are we doing in person interviews for searches?

Kyle: The plan is to have candidates come to campus if possible; if they cannot travel, we will accommodate them.

#### Dean's Distinguished Lecturer

Sangeetha Bhatia declined. Other recommendations

Robert Calderbank <https://ece.duke.edu/faculty/robert-calderbank>

Paul Weiss [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul\\_Weiss\\_\(nanoscientist\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Weiss_(nanoscientist)), made by Andreas Spanias and Sef Tongay, respectively. Dianne will reach out to Andreas and Sef to see if they would like to pursue these speakers.

#### EC Secretary Election

Cheryl Jennings and Kelli Haren have created a ballot and it is advertised since January 9<sup>th</sup> in In the Loop. The election ends January 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### Meeting adjourned

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Dianne will communicate Bylaws "administrative changes" paragraph to Vice Dean Marco Saraniti.
- Dianne will reach out to Andreas Spanias and Sef Tongay regarding a speaker for the Dean's Distinguished Lecture.

#### Next Meeting

Friday, February 4, 2022 at noon

Location: Zoom <https://asu.zoom.us/j/81081444516?from=addon>