

Minutes of the Senate Executive Committee meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 @ 3:00 -4:33pm

Rabbi Reich Room, Webb center

Attendance: Chair Michael Carhart, Secretary Tatyana Lobova, Senator David Burdige, Senator Steve Hsiung, Senator Wie Yusuf, Senator Lucy Wittkower.

1. Strategic investment in faculty is necessary in order to put ODU on the same level with other peer universities and increase students enrolment:
 - a. Increase pay rate in A&L
 - b. Fix the salary compression on campus
 - c. Replace adjuncts that are teaching 50% of courses with full time faculty in A&L
2. Safety:
 - a. In one of the dorms on campus earlier in March an 18yo female student was suicidal and had a knife. Police came with 4 male armed officers to the student's room and confiscated the knife. Their present was potentially even more traumatic to the student. What is the ODU police protocol for handling such sensitive cases? Should Student Government Association advocate for students in such cases?
 - b. What is the procedure when a gun found on campus?
3. All policies in the Faculty Handbook must have a shared jurisdiction and cannot be changed without Faculty Senate approval.
 - a. Senate needs to review the policies that were changed without senate approval.
 - b. Senate admin assistant needs to follow up with each policy after it leaves the Senate to know at what stage it is and if it was approved or rejected by the deans/provost/president/board of visitors.
4. New issues AY 23-39-I assigned to Cmte I regarding nursing faculty pay raises will be forwarded to the President and Provost. Faculty Senate will terminate the issues.
5. What is happening with the IT search?
6. University COVID policies need to be updated and accessible on ODU website. Students are confused about the current policy.