

MINUTES

United Faculty of Ohlone Executive Board Meeting
14 March 2022
Held via Zoom
4:30 p.m.

Executive Board Members present:

Jeffrey S. Dean	Secretary
Emmanuel Garcia	Negotiations Chair
Dawn Harris	Part-time Representative
Rose-Margaret Itua	Vice President
Heather J. McCarty	Full-time Representative
Katherine Michel	CEER Representative
Long Nguyen	Treasurer
Jeff O'Connell	President

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

O'Connell began the meeting with a brief update. It was noted that per the email that went out recently, there will be no mid-semester change in the in-building mask mandate for on-campus buildings, but it is anticipated that this will be lifted at the end of the term. O'Connell further noted that there are currently early plans for an in-person graduation event, the type and size to be discussed with VPAA DiSalvo shortly. Additionally, O'Connell indicated that there is a lot going on personnel-wise at the College and urged faculty to be aware of news, such as the recent non-renewal of the Dean of Counseling's contract for the coming academic year and the postings of the Dean of Language, Communication, and Academic Success, and the Vice President of Human Resources and Training positions. McCarty mentioned anticipated reorganization of the Business Division, and the oversight of the Newark Center. As the last item of the update, O'Connell provided information about the upcoming CCCI conference, scheduled to take place in Sacramento from April 21 to 25. O'Connell and McCarty indicated that they planned to attend some of the sessions, which provide opportunities to learn about legislative and legal updates on statewide faculty union activities and present opportunities for unions to share their contemporary experiences. Executive Board members were encouraged to attend.

The minutes from the February 14, 2022, meeting had been sent to the members of the Executive Board in advance of the meeting and were up for approval. There were no

changes suggested and McCarty moved that they be approved, and Garcia seconded the motion. The vote to approve them was unanimous.

Michel gave a brief CEER update to the Executive Board, starting with a request for feedback on what information faculty might be interested in having appear in the employee section of MyOhlone, since it replaces WebAdvisor as the central repository of employee information. McCarty noted that since the District did not purchase a customized version of this program, there may be limitations in what can be provided and O'Connell added that after the recent data breach, there may be changes in people's opinions about what information should be accessible in that system.

Nguyen provided a Treasurer's update to the Executive Board, including summaries of incoming and outgoing funds as well as current balances in the accounts held by the UFO. Progress on changing the signatories to the Bank of America and Franklin Templeton accounts was noted, with work still to be done to add McCarty to the Bank of America account. The effort to transition to receive funds and pay bills electronically has stalled due to the capacities of those we receive funds from and those we pay bills to. Lastly, a motion was made by McCarty and seconded by Garcia to permit Nguyen to purchase and reimburse himself from UFO funds for office supplies needed to conduct business as the Treasurer. Information on these purchases and reimbursements will be reported to the Executive Board during the Treasurer's updates.

The Executive Board discussed the prospect of collecting personal emails for faculty to be used for communications emergencies like that recently experienced and in situations when it would not be prudent to communicate information via Ohlone email. In advance of the meeting, O'Connell had drafted language and McCarty had revised it. The language will be finalized, and faculty should expect to see the solicitation for this information soon.

The Executive Board went into closed session at 5:00 p.m. to get an update from Garcia on the current state of negotiations with the District.

Before adjournment, the Executive Board was provided information from Itua on an upcoming Women in STEAM webinar mentorship event being organized for March 30, with information forthcoming to the campus community.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Jeffrey S. Dean
Secretary of the United Faculty of Ohlone on 15 March 2022.