

# Academic Senate Executive Committee

## Minutes

### 1 December 2014

Attending: Mike Holden, Steve Browne, Julie Chisholm, Cadet Rachel Nadell, Jon Fischer, Tuuli Messer, Cynthia Trevisan, Scott Powell

Guests: Gary Reichard, Erin Brogan, Robbie Jackson, and John Coyle

#### Meeting Schedule

- a. Executive committee meetings: Mondays at 4:00pm, Tec 144:  
12/8
  - b. General Senate meetings:  
12/9 (Peachman)
  - c. President/faculty coffee hour: 10AM TEC 145,  
12/17
  - d. Executive Committee lunch with President:  
None planned until next Spring
1. Commandant Erin Brogan, TSGB 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Engineer John Coyle and ET Department Chair Robbie Jackson met with the Executive Committee to discuss watch standing during finals week.

#### Topics discussed:

- There was a meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup> between the cadets and the administration. It was relayed that there was good communication between both groups.
- Roughly three-quarters of the watches were filled within days with volunteers and as of 12/1/14; three watches remained to be filled.
  - Student reactions are generally positive and are suspending judgment until the first finals week concludes with the modified watch policy.
- Security and safety aspects of standing watch;
  - Number of watchstanders as related to cadets living onboard.
  - Varying levels of studying on watch allowed across deck, engine, and business cadets.
  - Difference between watchstanding in the fall versus the spring as the TSGB is preparing for cruise departure. Team-building and engine-room familiarization occur at this time.
- The need for more data, with regards to how many cadets are affected by watchstanding during finals week and its impact on academic quality.
- The need to balance academics and watchstanding.
- The possible of coordinating class schedules with watchstanding schedules.
- Publishing the final exam schedule before the start of the semester.
- The question of if watchstanding during final week is a good thing.
- There are different considerations for engineering, deck and business cadets for watchstanding prior to the TSGB leaving for cruise.

- Suggestion that we address watchstanding during finals again the spring.
- 2. Portal Messaging: President Cropper is receptive to changes to the Portal. Suggestions for needed for these changes.
- 3. Rizza Lecturer: Not discussed
- 4. Online/hybrid course policy: Not discussed
- 5. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.