

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Remote Meeting over Zoom
Thursday, November 18, 2021**

Present: President Claudine Barnes, Vice President Michael Bejtlich, Secretary Lisa Heller
Boragine At large: Michele Wolfson, Gail Guarino, Bill Berry, Swan Gates

President Barnes called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Technology: Michael Bejtlich reported on the FPC meeting with IT. They are not hopeful that things will improve in the spring, because they are resource and staffing deprived. Some of the equipment networking infrastructure (projectors and podiums) is very old. It was a concerning but productive meeting. FPC took the right approach to be as positive as possible to be part of the solution while still conveying our concerns. Some suggestions were to take an inventory of the rooms that are working, to possibly have faculty bring their own laptops on campus, conduct further surveys. If we are that dire in terms of technology, perhaps we should re-evaluate the mix of online/remote/face to face, and that might start with an inventory of the rooms that can be brought into workable order. Some of the Hi-flex rooms are affected by these issues. We have language in the contract regarding maintenance and facilities that are not being upheld. There are egregious problems that are interfering with academics. There is no upkeep and maintenance or procedure or funding for technology. There are both long term and short-term issues. Perhaps the college needs to move to another model and move away from the podium, while fixing the underlying backbone, where students should be able to bring their own personal computers to campus. What can we do as a union? MACER FPC and NECHE are all tools to address these issues.

Vacancies: Alison Frisbie is interested in taking professional staff seat on MACER. Claudine and Alison will meet to discuss next week. There is some interest in the new member liaison. We also need suggestions for nominations and elections committee for spring.

Board of Trustees Meeting: College council said that the meeting is not subject to open meeting law. Open meeting law was amended to allow fully remote meetings. If you want access you have to email Maureen. The minutes are publicly archived. We will raise this issue at MACER and ask if they will publish the link.

Employee Vaccine Mandate Agreement: In the works. It looks like it will be settled by tomorrow.

Next Exec Council meeting is Dec 9th 4 pm

Meeting adjourned at 4:53

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Heller Boragine