



**ACADEMIC SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 29, 2017**

Approved 9-12-17

11:30 AM - 12:50 PM

PLN-120

Present: Brunelle, Brusckke, Dabirian, Gradilla, Myck-Wayne, Patton, Shahi, Stambough, Stohs

Absent: Bonney, Oliver

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stambough called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

II. URGENT BUSINESS

- We have a UPS policy on electing (selecting?) department chairs (UPS 211.100). What happens if a college decides to develop a separate policy?

Q: Doesn't their policy have to align with the UPS? Doesn't the UPS always take precedence?

A: The UPS takes precedent but remember that the President appoints chairs, and the department vote is a recommendation.

The Executive Committee engaged in a discussion of possible issues.

Suggestions:

- Send a message to deans stating the policy (Section II.D.2) allows for departments to have a policy, not the deans.
- Under procedures (Section II. C), include the language "if there is someone from the dean's office working with somebody picked by the faculty".
- Send these suggestions to FAC as friendly suggestions to see if the committee agrees.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (Stambough) I will be out of town and not able to attend Lisa Kopecky's farewell reception on Thursday, August 31st, so I need someone to present it on behalf of the Academic Senate.
- (Dabirian) We had a small issue with email Monday morning, but it didn't affect everyone. One of our certificates by Microsoft for Office 365 had accidentally expired.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No Minutes (forth coming).

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Everything over the last couple days has been about GE, which we will discuss later as new business.
- The Senate office student assistant, Jazmin Cooper, started on Monday, August 28th. Jazmin will be cataloging historical materials and will work on other data tasks.
- I spoke with the Provost and VP Eanes, and there is interest in putting together an ad hoc committee that will deal with campus free speech. The committee would work on a document that covers: what are the rights and responsibilities of faculty, staff, and students?

Suggestions:

Jason Shepard, Emily Erickson, Robert Robinson, Max Dery, Bob Gaas, and someone from the police.

VI. INTERIM PROVOST REPORT

No report.

VII. STAFF REPORT

The call for nominations for Faculty Leadership in Collegial Governance Award went out on Friday, August 25th. The call for nominations for Outstanding Lecturer Award will go out on Friday, September 1st.

VIII. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

8.1 ASI Board [Stambough], T, 8-22-17, 1:15-3:45PM, TSU Legislative Chambers

- During the public speaking segment, representatives from SQE spoke to introduce the group mission to the Board and to advocate for not inviting speakers who engage in hate speech from coming to campus.
- Dr. Vincent Vigil discussed the mission of the Office of Student Life and Leadership. There was significant discussion about group participation in Discoverfest and some issues related to club recertification.
- Reports from Arts Inter-club Council, Business Inter-club Council, Communications Inter-club Council, and the Black Student Union about their plans for the upcoming year and some long term strategic plans such as mentoring and outreach.
- The Board approved their calendar of meetings for the year. The TSU will soon unveil a recently donated woolly mammoth skeleton recently uncovered in an archeological dig in Alaska. More student art will also be displayed.

8.2 Honors Programs Advisory Board [Patton], W, 8-23-17, 9:30 - 10:00 AM, MH-141

No report submitted.

8.3 Campus Facilities & Beatification Committee [Dabirian], F, 8-25-17, 11:00AM - 12:00PM, MH-166

- Exec Liaison Dabirian called the meeting to order and explained the charge of the committee.
- The committee was asked to start working on 100.300 UPS and review the Strategic Plan and AMP to provide input to the senate on the new SP.
- Sumantra Chakrabarti was elected chair (he is new to the committee but willing to be the chair). We need a bigger room to accommodate the size of the committee.
- Pearl reported on the upcoming construction projects.

8.4 Elections Committee [Gradilla], F, 8-25-17, 10:00-11:00AM, PLN-120

- We will be adding to the bylaws. We want to include a 2-3 sentence aspirational preamble that discusses the importance of voting as part of our representational academic democracy and shared governance, which is underpinned by collegiality and civility.
- In the elections part of the bylaws, after section C, we are creating a new "D" section on campaigning (the dos and don'ts). We will be defining not using state supported resources (including CSU owned Xerox machines and DLs) for campaigning. At the end of the elections bylaws section, we will address the matter of sanctions or penalties for violating election rules. The committee also decided that the "sanctioning" component should be handled by a special ad hoc committee named by the Senate chair. The fear is that if the elections committee takes up sanctioning as what happened last year with the committee penning the letter to the DL violator--it could harm the committee by making it look politicized or partisan.
- Furthermore, committee members felt that by having a sitting senator on the committee there would be a conflict of interest in handling most aspects of running the election. So we want to discuss making the sitting senator on the committee "ex-officio" as well. The committee also asked for more faculty (HUM, NSM, and COE would be needed).
- And we also decided to review who counts as "staff," who is part of "student affairs" and finally at what HR level do we count "MPP." There seems to be some student affairs staff who have migrated over into MPP (student affairs directors in particular).

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1 Continue Faculty Committee Assignments for Standing Committees/Misc. Boards/Committee, 2017-2018

X. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 General Education EO 1110

1. LJB Cover Post-EO Consultation-FAQ (8-23-2017)
2. EO 1100 FAQ Campus_11a (8-23-17)
3. EO 1100 Rev Survey Feedback Campuses (8-23-17)
4. TPW - Presidents Memo 8-23-17 EO 1100 Revised GE Breadth

The Executive Committee engaged in a discussion on the requirements that we must change in our current GE such as the new rule permitting "double counting" of GE classes in the major and the reduction of GE units from 51 to 48.

10.2 Response to EO 1110: Academic Preparation

XI. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/P (Dabirian/Bruschke) Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.