

Faculty Senate Executive Council Minutes for 8-28-12

Members present: Doug Chatham, Royal Berglee, Cynthia Gibbs, Ann Rathbun, Robert Royar, Lesia Lennex and Beverly McCormick. Murray Bessette was a guest.

Minutes for July 16, 2012 and August 16, 2012 were approved as submitted.

EC discussed moving the Faculty Senate web page to the new CMS format. EC agreed to proceed with the newest version of CMS.

EC discussed whether or not the Assistant to the President can continue to be on the department promotion committee. After discussion, Senator Lennex moved that the EC recommend that the Assistant to the President not be appointed to the Department Promotion Committee because of a conflict of interest with PAC 2 because of his current administrative position. Recommendation accepted.

Senator Lennex has asked for data from the Chronicle of Higher Education for "Chronicle of Higher Education Best College to Work For" Survey Senator Lennex explained the events leading up to an email from the provost asking that all requests for data from IR be routed through her and Jill Ratliff and not staff in IR.

Evaluation is working on pilot for faculty evaluation survey from last year and creating peer and chair evaluation form for online courses.

Faculty Welfare and Concerns looking at getting PAC 2 in line with PAC 27.

Academic Issues working on grading policies for U, E, and repeating courses; subgroup on University Studies and Instructional Technologies policies

Governance will have slate of candidates for standing committees, may change one of the members on a committee; it was a consensus of the EC that Brent Rogers should not continue to serve on the University Tenure Committee and Sean O'Keefe will serve on the Tenure Committee for a temporary term of 2012-2013;

Lola Aagaard, Chair of Faculty Rights and Responsibilities, spoke with Senator Royar about the fact that FR&R has no legal representation for the members of the committee. Faculty Rights and Responsibilities met regarding recommendations made last year that were not accepted by the President. There was discussion of dissolving the FR&R committee. Two recommendations were: recast or abandon Senates' proposal for an Ombudsperson and focus on PAC 18 which contains many things an Ombudsperson would do. Chair Chatham asked that FR&R prepare a proposal for EC stating their needs.

Governance is looking into abolishing some Standing Committees. Senator Royar asked the Provost who is chair of Academic Programs Committee and Planning Committee if those committees are meeting. The Provost has not responded.

Governance is also looking at moving forward with the Technology Committee that Beth Patrick started two years ago that was put on hold when Gary Holman left the University.

Governance members agreed to the minor changes to the University Graduate Committee.

Senate Committee on Issues is looking at Ombudsperson, University Budget, Technology, what percentage of student fees goes to Athletics versus Academic Affairs and tuition waivers for family of graduate students.

Royal Berglee will serve on the GEC as the Senate representative. Senator Rathbun agreed to provide the reports to the Senate.

Agenda for August 30 meeting

Chairs Report: PAc 29 will be brought back to Senate to agree or disagree with the stipulations by the Provost and President.

Will report that the Graduate Curriculum Committee will now be called University Graduate Committee and the Senate secretary will make the changes.

Gen Ed Report: Ann Rathbun will present

Scheduling Committee: The chair will ask Julia Hypes if there is a report from this committee

TEC: Senator Chatham asked for a proxy to serve on this committee

All Senate committees will present a report.

EC reviewed the top priorities from the retreat to be sure that the Senators concerns are being addressed.

Adjournment: 6:30 pm