

# Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes

January 7, 2014  
LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm



**Present:** Clayton Brown, Kat Brown, David Connelly, Karen Cushing, Matt Draper, Lars Eggertsen, Dan McDonald, Gary Measom, Dennis Potter, Russ Thornley, Marcus Vincent, Ian Wilson

**Excused or Absent:** *Mark Bracken, Tyler Brklacich, Matthew Holland, Rick Moody*

- Call to order – 3:07 PM
- Approval of Minutes from December 3, 2013 Exec meeting. Minutes approved.
- SVPAA – Ian Wilson
  - Wilson reported that enrollments are down about 6% which is more than anticipated. The Legislative session begins in a few weeks. Equity has gone forward as a proposal. Academic Affairs is busy hiring for the new SVPAA, two Associate Vice Presidents, two Deans, on Senior Director for Community College Programs, and a new Director for Community College Programs.
  - Interviews for the new Dean of University College have been set and notifications about campus-wide forums have been sent out. Please encourage your faculty to be involved.
  - David R. Keller passed away the end of December 2013. There will be several activities planned in memoriam in the near future.
  - The Performing Arts building was submitted as our top priority, but it is last on the Regent's building list.
- Connelly noted the Faculty Senate will acknowledge David R. Keller in senate and allow individuals to share thoughts. Potter noted that they are planning to hold a conference in his honor. Faculty Senate will plan to support existing efforts.
- A consultant will be on campus February 4, 2014 to review UVU's curriculum process. The consultant will be brought into Senate to discuss what items the senate feels need to be addressed or discussed. Our job is to best describe what works (good or bad), etc. David will try to gather additional information for the next meeting.
- Senate Resolutions
  - Service
    - Intent was to better articulate/define faculty's position on the relevance and value of service in the RTP process. History arises from independent conversations with senior faculty and administrators who have helped UVU progress to a university and these individuals are still at an associate professor level and have done great work to advance the university. Senate needs to hold discussion on what the Senate should do with it and their disciplinary concerns. Part of the intent of the resolution is to smooth over lumpiness in departments and within/between colleges and many feel the disconnect will not be solved without certain mandates.

- Ian indicated that the President and Academic Affairs are supportive of service, but the question remains as to the level of service that is required. Academic Affairs' role is to be sure that departments are defining the service and determining the balance.
  - Adjuncts
    - David will follow-up with Alan Clarke for a status report.
- Committees
  - Curriculum – Meeting with consultant on February 3 and 4. Russ noted that they do have several specific items for discussion such as building curriculum from the bottom up.
  - Faculty Development – Met with AAC to discuss Faculty Excellence awards seeking Deans input. The committee did change the parameters and let each school/college determine their some of their own specific parameters. If school/colleges want additional support such as other evidence, they need to request. SRI committee will meet this coming Monday to finalize the last edits and will begin piloting. Hoping to implement new SRI campus-wide in the fall.
- Approved Agenda

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 pm