

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes

October 22, 2013
LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm



Present: Mark Bracken, Kat Brown, David Connelly, Karen Cushing, Matt Draper, Lars Eggertsen, Dan McDonald, Gary Measom, Rick Moody, Dennis Potter, Russ Thornley, Marcus Vincent, Ian Wilson, Ursula Sorenson

Excused or Absent: *Tyler Brklacich, Matthew Holland, Ian Wilson*

- Call to order – 3:00 PM
- Approval of Minutes from October 8, 2013 Executive meeting. Minutes approved.
- SVPAA – Kat Brown
 - The PBA process is underway. Brown encouraged all to attend the discussions in December. PBA Requests will be minimal this year which bumps up against strategic planning. The University is hoping for some equity money, but will not see those funds until next year. Connelly will send specific times for their Dean’s PBA presentation once the schedule has been set.
 - RTP Committees will be receiving a note about engaged learning being a part of the RTP process and to be sure that engaged learning is in each department’s guidelines.
- Standing Committees
 - Benefits (Mark Bracken) – The committee meets on October 23, 2013. The RFP has gone out and we are waiting for responses. Bracken is still working on the survey for faculty and staff.
 - Faculty Senate Excellence Award (Lars Eggertsen) – Eggertsen reported that some faculty feel the process is a total waste of time as it takes too long to complete the nomination form. The committee is considering making the process easier to nominate and shift the process to the nominator. Sorenson referred to PACE and their process and commented that the committee could develop questions and a rubric. In contrast, some departments feel the current process is working well. Connelly feels that senators from the college/school should participate in the selection of awardees. Eggertsen will keep the Executive Committee informed, but would like feedback. Connelly will add item to the Senate agenda for next week.
 - Personnel/Elections (Rick Moody) has spoken with specific schools/colleges to hold elections and fill the vacancies.
- Apportionment
 - Connelly discussed the current distribution model and should it be revised. He noted that adding adjuncts to the Senate would be symbolic, but the logistics need to be worked out. Cushing provided rough numbers of adjuncts by departments. The committee decided that 3 adjuncts would be assigned based on the estimated numbers (1 - CHSS, 1 - CSH, 1 – all other schools/colleges)

- Discussions over adding an additional senator for schools/colleges that have over 100 full-time faculty. Nothing was decided. In addition, Connelly will ask the Library if they want representation in the Senate.
- Governance Model
 - Add for discussion item in Senate.
- Adjunct Survey
 - Sorensen will present results on November 19.
- Policies
 - Brown working on several policies (post-tenure, annual review, adjunct, rank, credit hour) that will hopefully be sent forward before the holidays. Need to discuss priorities once they come forward. She will provide a brief preview at the upcoming Senate meeting.
- Agenda – Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 4:05 pm