

## Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes

February 18, 2014  
LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm



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

**Excused or Absent:** *Tyler Brklacich, Lars Eggertsen, Matthew Holland, Rick Moody*

- Call to order – 3:05 PM
- Approval of Minutes from February 4, 2014. Exec meeting. Minutes approved.
- SVPAA – No report
- Policy – Brown reported that the annual review policy will go to President’s Council this week. The committee is finishing changes to the Rank and Post Tenure policies and they will then to President’s Council for Stage 2 approval. She noted that a few recommended changes are that reviews need to be done in spring semester and faculty needs to establish their goal plans along with their annual reviews. Annual Reviews will become part of a continuous process. A basic template form is under development can be adapted by departments and disciplines. Faculty members will have an opportunity to respond to their annual review and that their signature does not constitute an agreement with the annual review. Faculty Senators would like the policy to address anonymous complaints and reviews.
- UVUSA – Students are preparing for student government campaigning.
- Future of Senate
  - Discussion over how the Faculty Senate moves forward in regards to the Senate President and ensures that the faculty’s interests are being protected.
  - Measom shared his interest in running for Senate President. After discussion, the committee felt that it would be better for David to continue for another year as Interim President to finalize the Bylaws and Constitution and nominate Gary Measom as an Interim Vice President for the next academic year. Recommendation is to have an all faculty vote for Senate President.
  - If UVU wants a strong senate, the faculty needs to invest holistically into the process. There is concern over the direction higher education is moving nationally and the Faculty Senate needs to weigh in on issues that ultimately affect them.
  - Wilson brought up shared governance and what this means within the university. If faculty is interpreting shared governance as being a decision-making body, then this is a different issue.
  - Common refrain is less shared governance in the past, but current administration encourages transparency and collaboration. Connelly feels that now is the time to take advantage of the structure to encourage participation. Recommendation is to bring this issue up in Faculty Senate.

- Service Resolution
  - Draper shared that there appears to be two issues now: 1) junior faculty serving on committees and 2) service component in achieving rank and tenure. He recommended tabling the Service Resolution until after the Rank policy has been brought to Faculty Senate. The Executive Committee agreed and will address in Faculty Senate next week.
- Curriculum Discussion
  - Bracken expressed the scheduling process is not effective and that he now must redo all his room assignments. He noted the computer does not take into account specific faculty and any special needs, and must be input manually which is a waste of time. He recommended examination of how to provide better overall scheduling.
  - Academic Affairs is waiting for the written report from the consultant and will then address what can be addressed and implemented.
  - Eva Bernfeld will be sending out a request for information this week to update the catalog as we move towards an online catalog.
- Role Statement
  - The Executive Committee feels that now is the time to really discuss role statements and possibly invite someone from Utah State to address them and how they are being implemented.
- Benefits
  - The committee meets tomorrow and is still reviewing information.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.