

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes

April 8, 2014
LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm



Present: Mark Bracken, Clayton Brown, Kat Brown, David Connelly, Karen Cushing, Lars Eggertsen, Dan McDonald, Gary Measom, Rick Moody, Dennis Potter, Russ Thornley, Marcus Vincent, Mallory Wallin, Ian Wilson

Excused or Absent: Matt Draper, Matthew Holland

- Call to order – 3:05 PM
- Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2014. Exec meeting. Minutes approved.
- SVPAA
 - Hoagies with Holland will be on April 17 at Noon in the Grade Ballroom.
 - President Holland presented to PELC on how the equity money will be distributed. He is proposing to distribute \$5-6M in ongoing money based on requests submitted in fall 2013 and will hold a mini PBA in fall 2014 in regards to faculty, staff, and projects that need to be addressed immediately for \$6-7M with the remaining funds to be distributed next year. The majority of the focus for future allocations will be on graduation rates, retention, etc. Need to be thinking on UVU's future and plan for growth when deciding where the funds need to be allocated. Some One-Time funds will be allocated for space and remodeling, technology upgrades, and address other infrastructure needs.
 - The Student Life & Wellness Ribbon Cutting will be on April 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Basketball Courts.
 - The New Classroom building is scheduled to be done in November 2014.
 - In regards to Strategic Planning, all divisions will begin reviewing, revising, updating to address ongoing needs over the summer.
 - Now is the time to investigate any processes such as developmental courses and distance education to determine the best course of action to assist students in completion.
- UVUSA
 - Wallin reported that the new Student Council has been selected and an announcement will come out this week.
 - Executive Committee expressed concern over issues brought up in Senate that does not get carried over from year to year. Connelly suggested that Wallin review past minutes for content.
 - UVUSA is working on a marketing campaign for student feedback.
 - Executive Committee would still like to see how UVUSA utilizes the money. UVUSA plans to post student fees online for students to review.

- Senate Elections
 - SOA will be holding elections this week. Moody has contacted T&C and S&H regarding elections. New senators need to attend April 22 meeting for committee elections.
- Grade Change Issues
 - Deans expressed concern over how grades get changed and the lack of oversight in the process. The Executive Committee discussed reasons for a grade change and referred to the policy for clarification. Some felt faculty have responsibility for assigning a student's grade and should be allowed to change a grade for reasons they deem necessary.
 - Discussion tabled.
- Policy 638 – *Post-tenure Review*
 - The Policy Committee is trying to find time to meet and assign individuals to work on various parts of the policy.
- Standing Committees
 - Rank and Promotion – No appeals reported.
 - SRIs – Moving forward with pilot groups who will fill out the new online SRI in addition to a paper copy of the old SRI to do comparison.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm