Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes
September 25, 2012
LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm

Present: John Balden, Lyn Bennett, Mark Bracken, Kat Brown, Arlen Card, David Connelly, Lars Eggertson, Pierre Lamarche, Dan McDonald, Gary Measom, Russ Thornley, Elaine Tuft, Marcus Vincent, Ian Wilson

Excused or Absent: Karen Cushing, Matthew Holland, Ian Wilson

- Call to order - 3:05 PM
  - VPAA - Kat Brown - Provided updates on current events.

- Cory Duckworth, VP Student Affairs, will speak with Senate on October 2. The Executive Committee was asked what he might cover. The consensus was that he should focus on those things that relate to faculty issues from his area such as what things they do that we can use to help students, etc.

- Discussion arose concerning a long list of possible discussion items for the full Senate. The idea was to prioritize the list and flesh out a few details on each if possible. The prioritized list was:
  1. Curriculum Process and faculty oversight/ownership with a need to better understand distance education in all of that. Several other areas regarding curriculum were discussed. Arlen Card will develop a set of questions and issues and bring those back to the Executive Committee for refinement and determination of a faculty Senate date for discussion.
  2. Constitution and By-Laws - David Connelly will flesh out by-laws enough for discussion and then bring this to Executive Committee for placement on Senate agenda.
  3. Grade Inflation - Craig Thulin will be invited to attend Executive Committee and some action will be fleshed out for consideration by Senate regarding this issue.
  4. One good idea exercise - as time permits Senate will engage in this exercise - time delimited and no comment or further development. We will simply generate a list of good ideas and then determine at Executive Committee what to do with those. David Connelly will send out an email to all Senators in preparation for this activity.
  5. Whitepaper discussion - Role statement issues. Need to understand what a role statement is. Kat Brown and David Connelly will flesh out a couple versions of role statements and other issues then bring back to Executive Committee for further refinement and a Senate date for discussion.

- Standing Committee Reports
  - Lars Eggertson - Update was given on SRI’s. He will update Senate as well.
  - Russ Thornley - We discussed the nature of “boutique” courses as related to the curriculum process and if those courses should be passed by the curriculum committee. Past behavior has not allowed for the creation of courses not attached to a program, but it appears there is some movement to allow for the passing of such courses. He will keep Senate appraised of this issue.

- It was reported that a group of adjuncts are forming some type of group and would like to speak with Senate. They have been invited to attend Executive Committee on October 9.

Next Meeting – October 9, 2012, 3:00-5:00 pm, LC243