Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes
November 1, 2011
LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm


*Absent or Excused:* David Connelly, Thomas Henry, Matthew Holland

1. Call to Order 3:02 pm
2. Minutes Approved.
4. Shared Governance Resolution – John Balden will email David Connelly to see if Executive Committee should review.
5. Policy 524 – *Graduation Credits and Transcripts*
   - Lyn will send comments from Policy Committee to John Balden.
6. Policy 644 – *Appointment and Responsibilities of Department Chairs*
   - Rick Vincent and Kat Brown volunteered to serve on committee.
   - Kat Brown will solicit from Department Chairs to serve on the committee next week at the Department Chair training.
   - Lyn Bennett continues to solicit physical help and comments.
7. Policy 204 *Appropriateness of Expenditures – Regular* and Policy 612 – *Course Content Modifications*
   - Approved for Stage 2.
   - The Policy Committee meets next week and will start with Policy 204. Lyn suggests the Faculty Senate review Policies 204 and 612 and provide comments to the policy committee. Policy 612 did not have current practices, so has been updated.
8. Budget Committee Members
   - Axel Ramirez was proposed as a nominee from Education
   - John Balden will send out a request for nominations
9. Stan Jenne
   - Informed Executive Committee that a possible change to future benefits is under discussion. Would like to be placed on Faculty Senate agenda to discuss benefits and the possible direction of the university such as a two-tier plan and receive input from faculty on their thoughts and preferences. The university has hired a consultant to examine the market and develop a proposal. The Executive Committee would like Stan to develop a quick information sheet to pass out to the Senators that would assist them in communicating effectively with faculty in order to obtain better information on faculty preferences. A suggestion was made to invite the consultant to come and speak with the Faculty Senate.
10. Kim Strunk
   • Sought committee chair duties clarification – Tenure Board of Review committee reviews policies when faculty appeal tenure decisions. Executive Committee recommended she check with Phil Matheson for a full list of responsibilities in addition to reviewing the bylaws.
   • Tenure Board of Review committee can initiate revisions to policy.
   • Questions have arisen over the interpretation of "peer" evaluations vs. "external" evaluations. Kat Brown is working on revisions on the policy to address this item. Some committee members feel that UVU should solicit external reviews for all faculty. The committee was reminded that departments could make the guidelines more stringent. Kim also noted when one school/college has only one RTP committee, it can be difficult when the chair is soliciting for external evaluations and the committee chair soliciting is not of the same discipline.

11. Russ Thornley
   • Policy meeting to was postponed. No new date set.

12. Ian Sorensen
   • Faculty Development has used about one-half of their funds. They do have additional monies for next semester.
   • SRI questions are ready for faculty review. The new survey has more questions and is more intensive. Ian requested his class pilot the new survey and received both positive and negative comments. A concern of the Executive Committee is that the questions for evaluation need to be not only summative, but formative as well.
   • Reminder to utilize the SCOT program as it is a great way to help evaluate classes.
   • Doing a comparative study between student's grades with the SRI rating was suggested.

13. Elaine Tuft
   • Still waiting to hear about a few positions.

14. Lyn Bennett
   • Will email Policy 524 – Graduation Credits and Transcripts to John Balden to send out.

15. Arlen Card
   • Committee meeting this week to set up structure pending Trustees.

16. Pierre Lamarche
   • Scheduling a meeting to clarify procedures.

17. Agenda Items
   • White paper policy issue
   • Policy 524 – Graduation Credits and Transcripts
   • Benefits position

18. Adjourned at 4:33 pm