Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes
August 28, 2012
LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm

In Attendance: John Balden, Lyn Bennett, Kathryn Brown, Arlen Card, David Connelly, Matthew Holland, Pierre Lamarche, Daniel McDonald, Gary Measom, Elaine Tuft, Marcus Vincent, Ian Wilson

Absent or Excused: Karen Cushing, Lars Eggertsen, Russ Thornley

- Call to Order 3:00 pm

- White Paper Link - http://www.uvu.edu/president/mission/pdfs/ACUEM_Whitepaper_II.pdf The VPAA and President will discuss the White Paper at our next Executive Committee meeting on September 11 and we will determine a course of action with regards to the White Paper and Senate.

- Welcome back by David Connelly.

- Minutes from April 10, 2012 meeting approved.

- Ian Wilson welcomed everyone back and discussed enrollment numbers. Several questions were fielded concerning these numbers. The new classroom building was discussed and several opportunities for increased faculty participation in key design elements were discussed along with the need for accessibility and the use of ecologically sound components.

- A discussion of the purposes of the Executive Committee was held. Several comments were shared and it was generally agreed upon that the Executive Committee could better position Senate debate and filter items that the Senate may want to consider. Part of our job is to best position the Senate to act in a timely and reasonably efficient manner. One example was to get an update on the White Paper at our next meeting and then determine how the Senate as a whole might best proceed with that. It was also decided that Senate would invite in the other VP’s and have them discuss their respective areas on campus.

- The Senate Agenda for September 4 was then discussed and set. It was then distributed following the meeting.
• The elections and appointment to committees' process was discussed. Control over Senate membership is still often in dispute and the role of Senate in appointing faculty to serve on University committees is still often misunderstood. Several examples were shared. It was determined that the Executive Committee needs to fully vet this issue and come up with a plan of action that can then facilitate the full role of Senate in such campus activities. Once that is done, this will be communicated to others in the academic arena so as to ensure Senate fulfills its role to provide service opportunities to all faculty, but ensure that all faculty have equal access to such opportunities and that the faculty voice is properly represented in campus activity. This will be on a future Executive Committee agenda.

• It was suggested that at all Senate meetings, Senators be reminded that they have a duty to take what is discussed at Senate back to their colleagues and that coming prepared to Senate will make our meetings much more productive.

Meeting Adjourned