**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes**

October 6, 2015

LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm

***Present***: Anne Arendt, Mark Bracken, Clayton Brown,David Connelly, Karen Cushing, Doug Gardner, Ryan Leick, Jeff Olson, Jim Pettersson, Matt Robins (UVUSA)

Visitors: Jim Bailey

***Excused or Absent:*** Kat Brown, Dustin Fife (Library)

* Call to order – 3:05 PM
* Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2015 Exec meeting. Minutes approved.

SVPAA

* Olson expressed thanks for the opportunity to use Faculty Senate to conduct the Academic Master Planning sessions. Overall opinions were positive about the exercise. Connelly shared that USU takes the second session of Faculty Senate for a meeting of the faculty. Might consider initiating something like this at UVU. Student Affairs Executives really enjoyed the exercise and plans to use it in their own forum.
* Schedule Olson to conduct a session with UVUSA Council next Thursday, October 15.
* Next phase is to code in Nvivo. Will bring results back to Senate for discussion prior to making recommendations. Some faculty have expressed appreciation for Holland delaying the Master Plan to receive faculty voice.
* PBA Presentations beginning soon. Encourage senators to attend campus presentations and ask questions or comments. PBA Schedule <http://www.uvu.edu/pba/docs/2015detailschedule.pdf> . Cushing will post the PBA Schedule on the Faculty Senate website.

UVUSA

* Stephanie Nielsen presented last week. Catered toward non-traditional students. Had about 1600 in attendance.
* Parking Monthly Forum will be held on October 8 at Noon in SC 206abc. Barbara Young, Director for Parking & Transportation, will address concerns.
* The next Academic Senate Speaker Series on November 4 will feature Coach Pope.
* Student Voice is going well. Receive about 15 comments each week. He sends comments to appropriate dean or entity for response. Using students concerns as basis for forum discussions.
* Midnight Madness will be Thursday, October 8 at 11:30 p.m. Bracken reported that several faculty were concerned about class exams on Friday.

Policy

* 655 - *Graduate Faculty*
  + Estimate what needs to be done to be considered graduate faculty member. Board of Regents policy states a faculty member needs to have a terminal degree. Getting pushback from faculty. Have three categories: Tenure Track, Adjunct, and Professional Faculty.
  + About 45% of full-time faculty do not have terminal degrees, so are not qualified to teach under current draft of the policy.
  + Liz Hitch met with AAC during the summer about graduate faculty. Expectation at Board of Regents is they need to have a terminal degree. Connelly expressed that not being strong in our expectations from the outset could potentially cause harm to future master degrees. He also recommended Bailey share graduate faculty requirements from other USHE institutions such as Weber and SUU.
  + Bailey will check with Kat Brown regarding the list of terminal degree definitions that UVU uses.
* 524 – *Graduate Council* 
  + Put on as Information Item. Add certifications and designating 5000 and 6000 level course requirements.
  + Recommendation is that the Graduate Council should be approving graduate level courses.
* 407 – *Clery Act*
  + List first on 1st Readings.

Debate Calendar

* Action Items for the agenda
  + Policy547 – *Priority of Service for Veterans*
  + Policy 162 – *Sexual Misconduct* – Need to finalize Senate’s response to the policy.
  + Deletion of Policy 155 – *Sexual Harassment and Consensual Relationships and Grievance*
* Bracken will send notice with the agenda seeking written comments for discussion.

G/I Courses

* Ask Janet Colvin to provide written formalized statement as to what they are seeking the Senate to vote on.

PBA Presentation

* Will submit request for increase to faculty hourly and current expenses.

Discussion Items

* Canvas Access Resolution– Arendt shared complaint regarding access to Canvas courses. A faculty member proposed recommendations for access to Canvas courses. She met with Laura Busby and Jason Hill. Based on her findings, Arendt created a Resolution to present to Senate about Department Chairs having full access to Canvas courses. Concerns were raised over extreme emergency cases and the time to activate. Need to determine the rationale for why Department Chairs need access to the Canvas course. Revise resolution to state that they can request access from appropriate entities to Canvas based on evidence or justification with notification to faculty.
* GE Committee Chair – Cynthia Krebs has stepped down. Two options to elect chair: 1) Body itself elects chair or 2) Oversight solicits and appoints new chair. Now that Senate has involvement in committee selection, need to articulate how the process works. Clayton Brown recommended that Eugene Seeley be ratified. Executive Committee ratified. Gardner opposed as he wants the committee to ratify first, and then provide the recommendation to the Executive Committee.
* Curriculum Committee has three assistant deans and one associate dean as members. Deborah Marrott’s concern is at the college level. In University College, the associate dean does not have voting rights, but at the UCC level they do. Connelly expressed that faculty should have the right to elect who they want to serve on university committees. Concern is having the assistant/associate deans representing faculty and dean’s office. Leick would like faculty to provide language/recommendations to Policy 605 – *Curriculum and Program Changes Approval Process* as drafted. Clayton Brown will solicit from each school/college as to who was actually voted in or appointed.
* Conflict of Interest – Discussion postponed. Olson noted that the Conflict of Interest Policy is under revision.
* Large Classroom Report – Courtney Davis. Recommend sending a copy to senate.
* Standing Committee Reports
  + Curriculum – Olson reported that due to Ryan’s efforts, we will have a new program that will have gone through approval process in 29 days.
  + CAGAS – Met in cluster meeting to discuss the processes seeking with Student Affairs. Does not get the impression that they are against it. Will report more later.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.