**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes**

November 3, 2015

LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm

***Present***: Anne Arendt, Mark Bracken, Clayton Brown,Kat Brown, David Connelly, Karen Cushing, Dustin Fife (Library), Doug Gardner, Ryan Leick, Jeff Olson, Jim Pettersson

Visitors:

***Excused or Absent:*** Matt Robins (UVUSA)

* Call to order – 3:05 PM
* Approval of Minutes from October 6, 2015 Exec meeting. Minutes approved.

Proposed Faculty Senate Calendar

* Policy 162 – *Sexual Misconduct*
  + Last Senate meeting a motion was approved to form an ad hoc committee to review institutional cases in regards to due process. Bracken asked Clarke to select 4-5 cases where the judge ruled in favor of the faculty member. Discussion regarding language in regards to the appeal only applying to tenured faculty. Executive Committee agreed to remove these few words. Automatic appeal will be granted if probable cause triggers termination.
  + Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations – Alan Clarke, Courtney Davis, Kim Abunuwara, and David Connelly. Recommended alternates – Matt Duffin, Ken Crook.
* Policy 655 – *Graduate Faculty*
  + Albrecht-Crane’s comments have been incorporated into the Faculty Senate’s Comments and will be sent to the Senate for any additional comments. If none, forward to the steward.
* Policy 407 – *Clery Act: Campus Safety and Security*
  + Allow discussion and vote.
* Policy 524 – *Graduate Program Credit and Graduation Requirements*
  + Discussion over recommendation of renumbering the graduate level courses to allow some faculty the opportunity to teach. Arendt will forward email to Leick to prepare a response.
* Policy 531 – *Associated Student Ombuds Office*
  + This will be a first reading.
* Policy 607 – Course and Lab Fees
  + Information Item
* Policies 632, 633, 638 are with the Shared Governance Committee and will be brought to Senate when they have concluded their review.
* Bracken will follow-up with Olson regarding the Large Classroom Resolution.

Academic Affairs

Kat Brown made the following reports.

* Attended an Educause Conference and focused on the Federal Regulations sessions noting there will be significant regulatory oversight in Higher Education. She recommended sponsoring a few senators to attend Educause so they can understand the regulations. Example is feds believe the more money they give to Higher Education, they have more power to oversee and determine the outcomes. UVU needs to develop infrastructure to handle and manage the regulations. Need to inform faculty that it’s not an administration directive, that it’s federal.
* States continue to reduce the money distributed to Higher Education and expect private donations or student tuition.
* Discussion in the Higher Education sector is many schools are moving to hourly pay even among faculty. Connelly noted that USHE is in conversation about contingent faculty.
* Need to help faculty understand the pressures being placed on UVU to be compliant and understand why changes are being made. Because of UVU’s mission, we have many programs and services that are not academic related, but need to serve the students.
* Bracken is in support of faculty attending Educause and reporting back to faculty. Proposal was made to consider hosting a regional Educause or ACE.

Standing Committees

* Special Assignments & Investigations
  + Canvas Access – Arendt provided review of comments from Faculty Senate and concerns over Section 3 of the proposed resolution. Discussion over the existing OIT policy, blanket access, and justification for access. Executive Committee recommended revision of language to separate “capable” and “refusal.” Recommend striking the word “unwilling.” The Executive Committee also proposed to simplify Sections 1 and 2 and address Section 3 with an ad hoc committee. Discussion over a motion to remove it from the table and continue discussion to form an ad hoc committee to revise language for Section 3.
* Service & Elections
  + Added Margaret Mittleman’s name to serve on the GE Committee as Emergency Services rep.
* Curriculum
  + Discussion regarding the composition of the University Curriculum committee. Some faculty have expressed concern over individuals serving on the committee and are not faculty members. The matter will continue to be discussed as Policy 605 moves into Stage 2.
* RTP & Appeals
  + Need two grievance committees. One is ready to go. Pettersson needs two additional faculty recommendations – Jay DeSart, Wayne Hanewicz, Gary Measom, Lori Brandt, Numsiri Kunakemakorn, Margaret Mittleman, and Jessica Hill.
  + Schedule an appointment with Karen Clemes to provide guidance and information.

Other Items

* Faculty Senate requested an additional $9,000 for committee chair’s release time and current expense. Recommend all chairs record individually what they have been doing and how much time spent on specific items.

SVPAA

* Olson reported the Academic Master Plan is moving forward. Recommend Faculty Senate have a follow-up conversation on December 1 for at least 1 1/2 hours after addressing Policy 162. Connelly is working with several students on coding and analysis. Have asked deans to provide program-by-program if they were able to expand what specialized facilities and equipment are needed so we can combine that with other information. Also asked deans for a sense of vision from their schools/colleges prior to Thanksgiving break. Olson will provide some direction for Senate in preparation for December 1 discussion.
* Large Classrooms
  + Andrade reported that funds were centralized before and were not working, so we decentralized. Connelly reported that funds were actually distributed at the end of the year which made things complicated. Olson reported that administration is trying to devolve more things down to departments as they are the ones that can make better decisions.
* PBA Conversations continue on November 4. AAC will be prioritizing requests on November 9. Will be considering urgent requests in the context of the larger picture.

Miscellaneous

* Bracken brought up the subject of students being removed from class and what the process should be. Brown reported on the follow-up with Val Peterson and Chief Brewer.
* The request for an additional counselor to assist students with mental health issues is being addressed. Arendt will follow-up with faculty.
* SCULPT – Faculty would like Senate to officially recognize the group. List under Special Projects, but Leick will address the survey.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.