**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes**

February 28, 2017

LI 516, 3:00-5:00 pm

***Present***: Jon Anderson, Anne Arendt, Jensen Astle, Mark Bracken, Kat Brown, David Connelly, Karen Cushing, Doug Gardner, Lindsay Gerber, Ryan Leick, Anthony Morris (Library), Jeff Olson, Jim Pettersson, Sean Tolman

Visitors: Bryan Waite

***Excused or Absent:***

* Call to order – 3:10 PM
* Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2017. Minutes approved.

LIBRARY

* Brown recommended Morris present findings from Library on best practices on RTP Committees from USHE and peer institutions.

CAMPUS COMMITTEE FOR DOMESTIC MULTICULTURAL EXPERIENCE (DME)

* Waite reported that he oversees GI and DMEs. Until now, don’t have a committee for DMEs. These are domestic trips that have a multicultural component. He is seeking Faculty Senate input on creating a committee that would vet the applications for approval. There is currently a group of individuals that are meeting and willing to serve. He also reported that the committee currently has three schools/colleges represented.
* Waite clarified that any application needs department chair and dean approval before considered. Bracken inquired the need for committee approval since the experience is within the United States. He responded that White wants to be sure that anyone participating in a university sanctioned trip is following the same protocols. Connelly remarked that these are longer trips than just a day and require more institutional resources.
* Goal of DMEs is to create more opportunities to students to have Global Intercultural experiences within the United States. Part of the committee is to define a DME and seek uniformity. Connelly proposed Faculty Senate constitute an ad hoc committee to determine what constitutes a DME and recommend if the committee is really warranted. Arendt proposed Waite give a short introduction of his request and the intent of forming an ad hoc committee. Bracken expressed concern about creating a layer of bureaucracy and establishing something that students will have to fund.
* Astle recommended a student serve on the committee to provide student perspective. Waite was supportive. Anderson would like to see the administrative costs covered by departments/schools/colleges.
* Will present at Faculty Senate on March 7. Come at 3:00 p.m.

SVPAA

* President Holland focused on the charge he gave at the State of University address at the All Leadership meeting. Have forwarded the link to Bracken to send out. It discusses working with the Nation’s Very Best Open Admission Platform. Stay tuned for more information. Connelly recommended sending out the President’s Four Points to all Senators and ask them to distribute. Olson reported that the reason for today’s meeting is another effort from senior leadership to make sure everyone in the University is involved in the PBA process and lay the foundation for the coming year’s budget process. Connelly noted that this change is responding to faculty comments so that faculty can be involved in the process before they break for summer.
* Legislature needs to set budget by Friday at midnight. Have rescinded the 2% cut. Are moving beyond the 1% compensation increase, but not sure where it will end up. Growth has remained the #2 USHE request. UVU will benefit the most. There is movement on the bridge from West Campus/Frontrunner to Main Campus on the transportation side. Discussion about doing something transportation state-wide. Still believe it will be a lean year, but not translating to revenue the state can use. Connelly reported that there is discussion among the USHE institutions on how faculty better informs the public of what we do. Seeing negative perception spreading across the country. Need to be proactive in our approach rather than defensive.
* HB 344 – Academic Freedom and Protection Act did not pass.

POLICY

* Board of Trustee’s passed Policies 601 – *Classroom Management* and 607 –*Course-based Fees for Credit-Courses*. Olson expressed thanks to Senate for their efforts.
* Finished summation of Rank Advancement applications. Saw an increase in the number of submissions.
* Have reviewed Tenure and Rank criteria to see what is on file. Many departments do not have rank criteria. Brown recommended a link on the Policy website to the RTP criteria.
* Discussion about administrative assistant coverage for Faculty Senate. Decision is to just monitor for now.
* Several appeals have come forward this year, more than usual, and are being addressed.

UVUSA

* Elections will be held March 6-8. Concern about number of posters for same individual in small areas. Debate will be held during Wolverine Wednesday on March 1, 2017 at Noon in Centre Stage.
* Making changes to the Constitution for the timeline process. The Impeachment process was unclear about how it worked. Recommended change is to initiate the impeachment process need to have 10% of the student body to petition or two-thirds vote in student government.
* For next year’s election process, they are making the Library completely off-limits and only allow advertising on the first and second floors of the CB building.
* Clarification of bridge between Library and CB building and part building does it belong to. Recommendation was UVUSA check with Frank Young.
* Bracken reported that Birch Eve brought a list of Student Fees to President’s Council and has had students inquire about the fees. Students can access online and will be addressed at the student debate.

DEBATE CALENDAR

* Reviewed items for agenda.
* Discussion regarding the policy process in senate and the importance of reviewing minutes, comments, and proposing concrete language for changes.
* Add Policy 637 – *Faculty Tenure* to the agenda right after the Library Findings to present language.
* Brown and Cushing will follow-up with Karen Clemes and Amy Birk to determine who initiated the window coverings change.
* Thulin shared that the Scheduling issue does not need to be put on the agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS

* Forum on Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness will be held April 6. OTL is assisting. Brown recommended that it be communicated this event is not a complaint session.
* University Committee List – Cushing has contacted VP Admins for updates and should have responses by March 10. Will work with Gerber on distribution.
* Recommendation was made to have the incoming senator’s vote on the Bylaws at the last meeting. Olson expressed concern about elections not being properly vetted and supported. Bracken recommended the incoming Presidency begin lobbying for individuals to serve on ExCo. Selecting individuals to serve cannot be arbitrary.
* Bracken will contact Katie Zabriske or Justin Jones to schedule a time to present to Board of Trustees on the new Constitution on Wednesday, March 29, at 8:00 a.m. Craig Thulin will attend for introductions.
* Executive Leadership 360 Evaluations – Leick have some language drafted up Executive Summary, but noted there aren’t any examples available in Utah and very little nationwide.
* Thulin would like all ExCo members rotating off to create a document to pass on to their successor.
* UofU Senate leaders are considering inviting Senate leadership for a meeting. Stay tuned for more information.
* ICHE – Brown reported that discussions with Liz Hitch made it clear that research institutions would not support a change in the multiplier. It would take consistency within the system to make the change. Arendt forwarded a document addressing this issue with a creative process of “banking.” Brown will have to follow-up with USHE to determine if this would be allowable. She will also forward to Tim Stanley for IRI input.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm