

## Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes

November 5, 2013  
LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm



**Present:** Mark Bracken, Tyler Brklacich, Clayton Brown, Kat Brown, David Connelly, Karen Cushing, Matt Draper, Lars Eggertsen, Dan McDonald, Gary Measom, Dennis Potter, Marcus Vincent

**Excused or Absent:** Matthew Holland, Rick Moody, Russ Thornley, Ian Wilson

- Call to order – 3:00 PM
- Approval of Minutes from October 22, 2013 Exec meeting. Minutes approved.
- VPAA – Kat Brown
  - The Institution is continuing with the PBA Cycle. All faculty are invited/encouraged to attend conversations if possible. All divisions continue to make progress finalizing their rolling Four-Year Strategic Plans.
  - Policy 639 – *Adjunct Faculty* – Brown has completed a draft and is waiting for Ian Wilson to review. She noted that the committee is seeking ways to boost morale, but the language is vague due to limitations.
  - Tenure/Mid-term files are due to Academic Affairs November 15.
- Tenure Board of Review Committee
  - Brown reported that there are 85 Mid-term/Tenure files up for review this year. The Tenure Board of Review Committee is seeking volunteers to serve on potential appeals committees. Committee Chairs will bring names back to the Executive Committee. Rick Moody will check with departments to determine if members have been confirmed.
- Senate Policy Role
  - Policy 141 – *Cost Transfers in Sponsored Programs* – Connelly reported that the Steward will not return to discuss the comments. He indicated that the Senate needs to be reminded of its role in the policy process of bringing it forth as an information item, then a first reading and, finally as an action item. Connelly will remind Senate of the overall process and encourage debate/wordsmithing when appropriate and applicable.
  - Executive Committee entertained a discussion over the RTP process, the service component, and the value placed upon that service. Senate would like to see the University committees ranked by level of service.
  - Value of Service – Connelly proposed Senate send out a referendum and the need to obtain a letter of recognition noting the level of service as faculty member performed. All conversations lead to the bigger picture of why faculty does not want to serve because they feel service has been devalued.

- Committees of Faculty Senate
  - Reviewed handout which indicated that the Senate is out of compliance with the Bylaws. Discussed consolidating the Senate committees and what the makeup of those committees should look like.
  - Policy Committee – The Executive Committee feels that more ownership needs to be put on the senate, yet still have a committee available to wordsmith. Connelly recommended bringing in the steward when a policy is an information item to discuss reasons for a new/revised policy. He will define the role of senate with policy. Suggestion was made to provide the Executive Summary for policies coming up for discussion and items that are being directed from other entities.

Adjourned at 4:50 pm