**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes**

January 20, 2015

LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm

***Present***: Jon Anderson, Mark Bracken, Clayton Brown,Leo Chan, David Connelly, Karen Cushing, Doug Gardner, Ryan Leick, Gary Measom, Craig Thulin, Mallory Wallin

Visitors: Justin Higgins

***Excused or Absent:*** Kat Brown, Matt Draper, Matthew Holland, Jeff Olson, Dennis Potter

* Call to order – 3:05 PM
* Approval of Minutes from January 6, 2014. Exec meeting. Minutes approved.

Distance Education/Extended Studies Restructure Discussion

* Several members of the Executive Committee expressed concern over not seeking faculty input with the overall restructuring process other than a discussion with the chairs. Connelly informed the group that this restructuring was done in response to faculty dissatisfaction and not having control over scheduling.
* Another concern involves the funds to address large classrooms and how to address future growth with the dissolution of the DE student fee.
* The Executive Committee wants to be sure services from all the restructuring will remain intact.

UVUSA

* Club Rush will be January 21-22, 2015 in the hallways between Student Center and Science Building.
* Student Fee Hearings begin January 22, 2015 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Student Council Chambers and will occur for the next three weeks.
* One committee member expressed concern over faculty feeling as if they are being forced to utilize the new services in the Student Life building for a higher fee.
* Bracken asked UVUSA to examine some of the student fees across USHE institutions such as Organic Chemistry student fees. He recommended equity funds be used to offset a student course fee. Wallin noted that UVUSA is examining course fees and they are recommending that the course fee justification be specified on the syllabus.
* Pride Week will be January 23-30, 2015.
* TEDx will be held April 1, 2015 and will focus on UVU and the community.
* Student Government has recommended moving UVU to a tobacco-free campus. They are currently receiving comments to Policy 158 – *Tobacco* and concerns over moving in this direction. Reviewed proposal that was distributed to faculty. Include any area owned or leased by UVU. Some of UVUSA’s concerns are E-cigarettes and international students, and how this revision to policy will it affect enrollment. The Executive Committee expressed concern regarding the cultural aspect of our campus. Wallin noted that UVUSA is approaching the subject for health concerns. Bracken supports what UVUSA is doing, but they need to anticipate backlash. Will bring the issue to the full Senate for concerns if they were to open the policy.
* Open Campus Forum - January 29, 2015 in SC 206abc at 12:00 p.m.

USHE Free Speech/Campus Gun Policy

* Based on event at Utah State, the USHE Faculty Senate Presidents have collectively developed a faculty survey to conduct across USHE institutions regarding guns on campus. There are several bills in the Legislature which would designate certain spaces or events as gun-free.
* Connelly inquired if the Executive Committee feels this is a good thing and is it something they want to push forward? Measom recommended surveying the students in addition to the faculty. The Executive Committee supports the idea of a USHE survey to faculty, but would like to see the survey conducted with students as well.

President’s Visit

* Discussion over what the Executive Committee considers should be the next steps in Senate. There are currently three issues ongoing in Senate and the committee would like to hold a robust shared governance conversation with Administration. Recommend adding it as a discussion item on the agenda. Measom will develop proposed language for the discussion.
* A recommendation was made to invite the President to make a presentation in Senate annually to discuss issues proposed by the Senate such as governance at the school/college level. They also recommended crafting and an end-of-year resolution for the President to address at Faculty Convocation.

Miscellaneous

* Connelly shared that there are several policies that need better “due process” clarification and recommended Senate take the initiative to open these policies. Connelly proposed bringing Cheryl Hanewicz and Marcus Vincent to the next Executive Committee meeting for a discussion.
* The committee would like to hold a discussion on Role Statements, but need to define what the conversation needs to address. Anderson will send Connelly his proposed draft.
* Connelly will have a conversation with Kat Brown regarding policies.

Standing Committees

* Curriculum Committee has created a draft on the policy, but is caught up in discussions over changing procedures without having an updated policy in place. Leick recommended keeping procedures in place until the new policy has been approved.
* Discussion over the current curriculum process. Leick agrees that the overall process is not effective and needs to push the creation of curriculum back at the school/college level.
* Curriculum discussion will be scheduled for February 10, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.