**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes**

October 21, 2014

LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm

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

***Excused or Absent:*** Matthew Holland, Jeff Olson

* Call to order – 3:03 PM
* Approval of Minutes from October 7, 2014. Exec meeting. Minutes approved.

PBA

* PBA Phase I allocations were announced by the President. Executive Committee reviewed.
* Faculty are encouraged to bring good ideas forward especially in the area of focus for adjuncts. Connelly recommended disciplines develop a well thought out proposals such as dealing with adjunct ratios prior to submission.

UVUSA

* Wallin reported several events that will occur over the next few weeks:
  + Somini Sengupta, NY Times UN Correspondent, October 29, Regan Theatre, 12-1 pm.
  + Elizabeth Smart, December 10. More details to follow.
* Student Government is looking to sponsor additional speakers on campus. Email Wallin if interested in co-sponsoring guest speakers.
* Chan inquired about UVU’s comparative statistics with sexual violence. Wallin noted that we are equal with national statistics. Discussion regarding what can be done on campus to promote safety awareness. UVUSA is working with several programs on campus currently to address sexual violence. Brown asked if there was any attempt to address the larger societal issues. Wallin noted not at this time.
* Connelly recommended UVUSA make a presentation in Senate to discuss how to roll out with faculty in terms of messaging and spreading the word. Potter recommended contacting Shannon Mussett or Karen Mizell as a resource as they have done some extensive research on this subject matter.
* Draper noted that we need to be sure we are educating both men and women regarding healthy relationships and helping to identify what constitutes assault.
* UVU needs to be proactive in our messaging and be informative for the safety of all. Pass all recommendations on to Wallin.

Senate Agenda

* Robin Ebmeyer will make a presentation on what UVU can do to be prepared for emergency situations next week.

Due Process Committee

* Connelly reported on the current due process situation. Connelly recommended constituting the committee in preparation for a potential hearing.
* Chair recommendations: Chuck Allison, Cheryl Hanewicz, Marcus Vincent, Gary Measom
* Committee recommendations: Doug Gardner, David Knowlton, Hazel McKenna, Lisa Lambert, Steve Clark, Talitha Hudgins, and Parker Fawson
* Connelly will contact the individuals and form a committee of seven members.

Faculty Senate Constitution Discussion

* Connelly presented a handout of faculty totals by department. He indicated there are currently 53 senators and 597 full-time faculty. Cushing noted there are actually only 49 senators of record.
* Various proposals on how to constitute the senate were discussed. Final consensus was to only have one senator per department based on the department list as generated by the SVPAA Office.

Curriculum

* Connelly informed the Executive Committee that Curriculum Policy 601 will be presented to President’s Council on October 23 and moved into Stage 1. He stated the policy needs to be rewritten for process and how it flows through the system. A secondary issue regards the logistics of the curriculum process. UVU needs to define curriculum. Leick commented that the University Curriculum Committee does not have defined authority and needs to know their defined responsibilities. He also noted that the curriculum committee is proposing a rolling deadline and are examining several models to increase the scope of the committee.
* Current proposal pushes curriculum down to the dean’s level, but there is a need to discuss how coordination is handled between schools/colleges when new courses are being submitted. Draper noted that the committee should be verifying that outcomes and objectives are included in the proposals, but not approving/denying the curriculum.
* Connelly will be steward over the policy. If faculty want to serve on the committee let him know.

GE/GI

* Connelly reported that faculty currently has no control over GE or GI, they are simply invited to participate. The Executive Committee feels a major push should be made by Senate for faculty to take control. A major concern is whether or not faculty will volunteer to serve. The Executive Committee feels this should be a sub-function of the curriculum committee.
* Current procedures will not change until the new policy and procedures are in place.
* COMET is still being used to submit curriculum. New platforms are being investigated.

Committee Reports

Benefits – Bracken expressed concern over Senate’s representation on the Benefits & Budget committee as PBA has reduced its function. He wants to make sure Senate has representation on the Benefits Committee. Connelly reported that the new bylaws will elect a senator to serve on the committee, but will not be a member of the Executive Committee.

Bracken also remarked that there are faculty members in the College of Science & Health that want the Faculty Senate to take control over GEL grants. He also shared that faculty feels administration is growing at a significant rate. Connelly noted that the senate needs to quantify their data and have a legitimate conversation.

Role Statements – Connelly reported that President Holland is in favor of role statements, but if we take it to Senate one more time and we fail, it will be difficult to move it forward again. He wants to review the information one more time before it comes back to Senate. Connelly will send the draft role statement document to the Executive Committee for review.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.