**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes**

November 8, 2016

LI 516, 3:00-5:00 pm

***Present***: Jon Anderson, Anne Arendt, Mark Bracken, Connelly, Logan Cottle (UVUSA), Karen Cushing, Doug Gardner, Lindsay Gerber, Tanner McAllister (UVUSA), Anthony Morris (Library), Jeff Olson, Jim Pettersson, Sean Tolman

Visitors:

***Excused or Absent:*** Kat Brown, Ryan Leick

* Call to order – 3:45 PM
* Approval of Minutes from October 25, 2016. Minutes approved.

DEBATE CALENDAR

* Policy Comments Discussion – All policy comments will be compiled and a recommendation from the Ad hoc committee will be presented. Discussion regarding Bezzant’s complaint on the cost of textbooks and the desire to reduce overall cost to students. Bracken discussed the appeal process and Arendt responded the committee should have something to present on November 15.

SVPAA

* President would like to announce the AMP in January/February 2017. Would like to bring the living document to Faculty Senate for review on December 6, 2016. Discussion will take place at 4:00 P.M. Consider scheduling CB 510 and set up in rounds.
* Roots of Knowledge Unveiling will be November 18 at 1:45 pm in the Library.
* Academic Affairs PBA presentations will be November 14 1:00-5:00 p.m. and November 15 from 8:00 am to Noon in SB 206abc.
* In regards to the Faculty Award requests, two deans said they were willing to donate funds to increase the number of awards in their college.

POLICY

* Several policies items will be coming forward after President’s Council approval.

UVUSA

* The Student Government would like to hold a department day in Spring 2017 (similar to Club Rush) to give students opportunity to talk with faculty or student rep and learn more about what programs are available at UVU. Consider including seniors currently in the programs.
* Academic Speaker Series – Laurie Rubin – Thursday, December 1, in the Ballroom at Noon.

FOOD

* ExCo made the decision to only have water, coffee, and snacks in order to save funds.

BYLAWS

* Gardner will send out for final review by ExCo and then send out to Faculty Senate after the meeting next week to review during the break.

RTP Advisory Committee

* Olson is putting a hold on the formation of a committee this year to review portfolios. The RTP Advisory Committee has been elected by their schools and colleges and Gerber recommended they begin training in preparation for next year. Pettersson agreed.
* Plan is still to have the ad hoc committee research and prepare a recommendation. Anthony Morris will assist in the research. Bracken will form the committee and solicit those who had agreed to serve on this committee and ask them to look at the timeline, what other universities are doing, best practices, what worked, what didn’t, what other universities are doing at the university level.

GE Committee Review

* Connelly expressed department concern about the GE Course Review process and the number of courses that have been put on probation. He commented that some faculty have made comments about the survey and the problems encountered. Olson noted that every college has a representative on the GE committee and should be following up with them for information.
* There is also a negative tone regarding Vistas.
* Olson shared that Andrade is prepared to provide emails that were sent out sharing this information.
* Connelly also raised the fact that GE is not under the control of faculty.

VOTING MECHANISM

* Invite Tim Stanley and Darel Hawkins to next ExCo meeting to share options for voting platforms.

SCHEDULING

* Idea of making academic week be MR or TF and leaving W open.
* Need to perform a SWOT analysis.
* Olson noted that one problem with Faculty Senate is when an idea is proposed they over react and only look at the negative. He would like them to just have a conversation. He also noted that faculty felt having priority room scheduling would be beneficial. One problem came up centered around scheduling. We have too many various start times. Evans presented standard start/end times. When polling departments she noted that students preferred courses only two days a week. Based on this information, Olson asked that a schedule be developed to create a new proposed schedule.
* Arendt would like faculty to be given a specific goal to work towards to solve the problem. Arendt recommended that Olson share “proposed” ideas in Faculty Senate to make them aware and alleviate future inferences. Bracken noted the message communicated needs to be that it is only an idea, not a decision that had been finalized. McAllister asked if he should begin surveying students to discover what type of schedule they would prefer.
* Olson will check with the committee and report back.

American Federation of Teachers (AFT)

* Jeff Torlina would like a rep from AFT (Brad Asay) to come and talk to Faculty Senate. Bracken reported that one of the concerns is the investigative process if a complaint if filed against anyone. There was a change in USHE policy about students. Clemes is looking at the University of Utah and Weber’s procedures. The request would be to have Brad Asay come to the next Senate meeting. Olson noted that the SLCC situation is not accurate and that the State does not allow us (USHE institutions) to recognize a union. A former president of SLCC tried to do this and was stopped. Faculty at SLCC voted for collective bargaining and State said no. UVU cannot do this based on state laws. Specific individuals are trying to use this forum to get the Legislature to consider collective bargaining. UEA succeeded because there are more public school teachers. Faculty Senate cannot be seen as endorsing this issue.
* Will put item on the agenda as an announcement for the symposium on the consent agenda. ExCo feels it needs to be conveyed that it is not appropriate at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

* December 13 will be held for policy discussions only.

CAGAS

* Ashley Larson has decided to not police the academic websites for violations as it is too cumbersome. A task force has been created to examine this problem and bring recommendations forward for more discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.