**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes**

February 17, 2015

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, Jeff Olson, Dennis Potter, Craig Thulin, Mallory Wallin

Visitors:

***Excused or Absent:***

* Call to order – 3:03 PM
* Approval of Minutes from February 3, 2015. Exec meeting. Minutes approved.

UVUSA

* Campus-wide Forum on Thursday, February 19, at Noon in SC 206abc regarding assisting students to graduate faster, advisement, and financial aid.
* Mardi Gras this Friday, February 20, 2015 from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.
* TEDx tickets go on sale March 1, 2015. $50/session; $100/full day; Students $25; Deadline was supposed to be 2/17, but announced in Faculty Senate that the deadline was February 18.
* SRI Discussion – Thulin noted that students were surveyed in the past via an Omnibus survey about SRIs. We want to be sure the SRIs are valid by receiving a significant sample size which is around 60%. Wallin noted that students don’t feel SRIs mean anything. Student Government needs education so they can educate students on how SRIs are used and why they are important. From student’s perspective, what can faculty do to help students understand the importance? Wallin recommended having the faculty member respond to students who complete SRIs of something they gained from SRI feedback. Wallin will take to UVUSA for feedback.

SVPAA

* University will be participating in a master planning process beginning in early March. Consultants are being brought in to assist in the process. The plan will include campus facilities in addition to academics, but comes back to what we envision for the future. Need to consider how we involve the Senate, but also on a broader scale. The Executive Committee agreed to have a discussion in Senate and add it to the agenda. Need to examine brick-n-mortar in addition to course structure, online learning, etc.

Role Statements

* Faculty Senate agreed to table the discussion and bring it forward when the Annual Review and Post-Tenure discussions come forward. When the discussion does come forward, need to educate the standing senate on role statements.

Technology at UVU

* Discussion ongoing about being a BYOD campus. Morphed into larger conversation of what’s happening at the department levels currently and at the faculty level. Want to know what the current technology needs are and where is technology going in regards to pedagogy.
* Recommend Senators take the issue back to faculty to discover what’s going on, their needs, limitations, and where do you anticipate your discipline going in the next few years. Would like to take the planning from central planning to faculty indicating what they feel is best practice.
* Olson noted that there are going to be a lot of decisions made regarding academics and he wants to be sure faculty are driving and participating in conversations that are driving those decisions.
* The Educational Technology Committee is still seeking members. Connelly will send out another email soliciting members.

Constitution

* In question: Should the President be an election of all faculty or the standing senators. Current draft states the nomination process would be done through the Senate. Part of the problem in the past has been the nominating process. Recommendation is to accept all nominations and let the committee vet them and then have the senate approve the nominations. If a candidate is approved, they would then provide a one-page statement to be sent out to faculty prior to the all faculty vote.
* Concern was expressed over the approval process for the nominations and who determines if the faculty member is in good standing.
* Connelly will send out the current policy version seeking feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.