**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes**

March 17, 2015

LC 243, 3:00-5:00 pm

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

***Excused or Absent:*** Karen Cushing, Jeff Olson

* Call to order – 3:05 PM
* Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2015. Exec meeting. Minutes approved.

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* Brown reminded all that with textbook selection season upon us, the bookstore will be checking to make sure individuals have the appropriate paperwork filled out if there is a self-authored text submitted for use. The Conflict of Interest form and the 606 Approval need to be submitted which means that if your department does not have a Textbook Committee, they need to get one. Same goes for the college and university. We will be asking the Faculty Senate for nominations for a faculty member from each school/college as well as one at-large faculty member to review the text and sign off on it. Connelly will send out a general announcement seeking nominations for the university textbook committee. Discussion over how to tighten elections within the schools and colleges regarding standing committees of the institution.
* Connelly led discussion over the solvency of institutions across the country as many are closing or performing massive program cuts. We need to discuss our long-term plans and how various trends or impacts will affect UVU’s future. Connelly noted that many institutions who are solvent are such due to large endowments. UVU’s endowment is based on the goodwill of the Legislature. Kat Brown provided an overview of Sweet Briar’s decision to close. Connelly proposed discussions over how to protect UVU’s region even among other Utah institutions. Bracken interjected that UVU needs to be careful of parasitic bureaucracy and be sure faculty are teaching what they were hired to teach. We need to be constantly vigilant and not paying for things that don’t make sense. Kat Brown commented that one of the unknowns is the Feds requiring more and more that is requiring more administration. Because of regulation, it forces us to hire more individuals to administrate federal mandates. This takes away from spending money on faculty to address student needs.
* Leick addressed boutique courses in regards to curriculum and addressed questions in Policy 606. Will add to agenda for the April 14th Senate meeting.
* Connelly inquired if time should be designated at senate for each committee to provide a brief update on what their committee is currently addressing.