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FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 21, 2012 3:00 P.M.

Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Glenn McEvoy (Chair), Alan Blackstock, David Cassidy, Richard Clement, Renee Galliher, Nancy Hills, Lyle Holmgren, Doug Jackson-Smith, Yanghee Kim, Pam Miller, Mike Parent, Robert Schmidt, Flora Shrode, Blake Tullis, Dave Wallace, Ralph Whitesides, President Stan Albrecht (Ex-Officio) (excused), Provost Ray Coward (Ex-Officio), Vincent Wickwar (Past President), Joan Kleinke (Exec. Sec.), **Guests:** Richard Jensen, Mark McLellan, Larry Smith, Rhonda Miller, James Nye

Glenn McEvoy called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Vince Wickwar made a motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2011. Motion was seconded by Doug Jackson-Smith and passed unanimously.

Announcements

Brown Bag Lunch. The next Brown Bag Lunch with the President is Wednesday February 22 at 12:00 noon in Champ Hall. The March Brown Bag Lunch with the President will be Thursday, March 22 at 12:00 noon in Champ Hall.

University Business - President Albrecht and Provost Coward.

President Albrecht commented on the current budget projections from the legislature, indicating that it may not be as good as previously believed. Some lawmakers are indicating there will be less funding available for higher education than previously promised, however there is still time left in the session and the situation changes daily.

Information Items

Research Council Report – Mark McLellan. This report is the last report by Brent Miller, concluding on June 30, 2011. Mark praised Brent and the program that is in place. Mark affirmed that the internally funded programs will continue.

Renee Galliher made a motion to place this item on the consent agenda and Yanghee Kim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget & Faculty Welfare Committee Report – Rhonda Miller. The committee is working on being more meaningfully involved in the campus community. Last year they focused on faculty benefits and having input in that process. Other items under consideration currently are extra service compensation, sanctions and grievances.

A motion was made by Vincent Wickwar to place the report on the consent agenda. Renee Galliher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Academic Freedom & Tenure Committee Report – Richard Jenson. There were no new grievances filed during the past academic year. However the committee did spend time finishing grievance matters from the previous year. They have also met on various other issues that needed to be addressed and sent eleven recommendations for code revisions to the FSEC. Glenn has forwarded those recommendations on to the appropriate code committees and the PRPC.

Ralph Whitesides moved to place this report on the consent agenda and was seconded by Robert Schmidt. The motion passed unanimously.

Parking Advisory Committee Update – James Nye. Senators were provided with information in their packets regarding funding for paving projects previously provided by the facilities capital improvements funds. These

funds will be reduced if not eliminated in the coming years. In the next seven years there are \$2.6 million in repairs and maintenance needed for parking facilities. The estimated net income per year for parking and transportation is about \$300,000. In 2016 the Aggie Terrace bond payment increases by \$180,000 per year. Since 2006 there has been a 4% increase in parking permit rates across the board. The increase was primarily implemented to pay for the new Aggie Terrace. If the 4% increase is continued they will make about \$32,000 per year on \$800,000 of permit sales. The parking repair and replacement fund currently has approximately \$1.4 million. With the needed repair and maintenance, at the current rate and even with a 10% increase, that fund would be dwindled down to about one third in seven years. This long term planning shows that the current funding structure will not sustain them. Other issues were discussed, but it was decided that only the budget issues will be brought forward to the full senate.

A motion that Ralph Whitesides will present the parking budgetary issues as an information item on the agenda was made by Mike Parent and seconded by Nancy Hills. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

EPC – Larry Smith. The Curriculum subcommittee report included approval of 32 course actions. The Academic Standards subcommittee crafted language that clarifies two sections of the general catalog, dealing with awarding of Associates degrees to students who already possess a bachelors degree and the awarding of an NF grade to students who do not participate or attend class at all. The General education subcommittee is discussing several important issues, but had no action items to report. Other EPC business included an R-401 short form proposal approved for the establishment for a university-wide center for Science, Technology, Engineering and Education.

Mike Parent made a motion to place the EPC report on the consent agenda and Ralph Whitesides seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IDEA Feedback from CHaSS – Doug Jackson-Smith. Doug shared a summary of three issues that had been raised by some of his colleagues in CHaSS. One issue is incentives for students to fill out the evaluations, another is the release of individual student response rates, and finally, a concern that response rates alone might be used for evaluation of faculty performance rather than the content score. Doug has met with the FEC committee and now understands that the committee has plans to do some evaluation of the IDEA system over the summer. He spoke with FEC Chair Pam Martin and they decided to have the FSEC discuss only the issue of releasing individual student response rates in order to offer extra credit as an incentive for completing the survey. The question is whether or not it tips the scales if the instructors know who did or did not fill out the evaluation. While it was the general sense of the FSEC that release of individual response rates (vs. class response rates) might not be a good idea, there was also recognition that some faculty may have already put in their syllabi that individual students would get extra credit for filling out the IDEA form this semester and, in that sense, it was too late to change the policy for this term. Nonetheless, a motion was made and seconded that Doug take the issue of releasing individual student response rates to faculty prior to submission of final grades back to the FEC committee for discussion at their earliest convenience. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Open Access – Flora Shrode. In the previous FSEC meeting it was decided to delay the discussion of this issue by one month to give faculty sufficient opportunity to provide input. Thus, the discussion is now back on the table. Flora received feedback from a couple of faculty members. There were some concerns regarding making the policy mandatory rather than “strongly suggested.” Discussion revolved around this and the option to opt out if the journals do not allow the publication to be deposited in Open Access. Further discussion focused on whether or not the policy should be presented to the faculty for their information before it is submitted to HR which will then begin the formal code change process.

Glenn clarified that this is a 300 level policy change and will be brought to the Faculty Senate by Human Resources. But to give faculty maximum exposure to this potential change, Mike Parent moved to put this on the senate agenda as an information item. The motion was seconded by Vince Wickwar and passed unanimously.

Faculty Shared University Governance Award – Glenn McEvoy. Glenn announced that this award is now in place and that the nomination committee made up of Faculty Senate President (Glenn McEvoy), Faculty Senate President Elect (Renee Galliher), a representative from the Provost's Office (Larry Smith), and the Faculty Senate Executive Secretary (Joan Kleinke) had turned over the names of five nominees to the selection committee. The selection committee is made up of past Faculty Senate presidents who will select the winner to be recognized at the annual Robbins Awards Ceremony.

Adjournment

Glenn McEvoy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Joan Kleinke, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary, 797-1776