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FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 22, 2013 3:00 P.M.

Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Renee Galliher (Chair), Dale Barnard, Alan Blackstock, sub for David Cassidy, Richard Clement (excused), Karen Mock for Todd Crowl (excused), Dan Davis for Jennifer Duncan (excused), Curtis Dyreson, Nancy Hills, Doug Jackson-Smith, Yanghee Kim, Vincent Wickwar, President Stan Albrecht (Ex-Officio) (excused), Provost Ray Coward (Ex-Officio), Glenn McEvoy (Past President), Joan Kleinke (Exec. Sec.), Marilyn Atkinson (Assistant, excused) **Guests:** Terry Peak, Larry Smith,

Renee Galliher called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Vince Wickwar made a motion to approve the minutes of December 10, 2012. The motion was seconded by Curtis Dyreson and was passed unanimously.

Announcements

Brown Bag Lunch with the President & Provost. January 23, 12:00 noon in Champ Hall.

University Business - President Albrecht and Provost Coward.

President Albrecht updated the FSEC on expected topics for the upcoming legislative session that will impact higher education in the state. Several issues likely to be addressed include Medicaid reform, gun control, and budgets for higher education building projects. The final budget will depend largely on what happens at the federal level. The legislature will likely pass a bare bones budget, then go back into session and work on details when more is known. This will mean that obtaining funding for our priorities as a university will be more difficult than previously expected.

Legislation has already been written to seek approval to remove the cap on out of state tuition waivers for a 3 year period and to extend the Legacy tuition waiver to the grandparents' generation.

A decision was finalized that will divide the Mountain West Conference into two divisions for football with a December playoff game to be held at the home of the team ranked highest at that point. Basketball will not be divided into divisions.

There was a dramatic drop in Logan campus undergraduate enrollment following the purge over the last weekend. The university felt it could handle the loss of 250 students internally. As of last Friday, enrollment was down 201. Since the purge enrollment is down a little over 400. Every 50 students lost, translates into lost revenue of \$125,000. Overall enrollment is down system wide almost 12%.

The president has developed a program that will be funded by Workforce Services to provide higher education opportunities to individuals that age out of the foster care program.

Information Items

Campus Store Report – David Hansen. David Hansen was not able to attend the meeting because of illness, so the report was presented by Allan Blackstock. Highlights of the report are that the Bookstore has changed its name to The Campus Store. There is a search underway for a new director; David Hansen has been acting as interim director. Renee Galliher asked if the report has historically included financial information, and it has not.

A motion to place report on the consent agenda was made by Glenn McEvoy and seconded by Doug Jackson-Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

EPC Items - Larry Smith. The January EPC report was short and quite routine. There were 3 R-401 proposals presented and approved.

A motion to place the EPC report on the consent agenda was made by Doug Jackson-Smith and seconded by Vince Wickwar. The motion passed unanimously.

Bookstore Committee – Alan Blackstock. Allan has served on the Bookstore Committee and with the change of the name to the Campus Store, thought it may be an appropriate time to revisit the charge of the committee. In his time on the committee, most of the pressing issues have been resolved. Because students are bypassing the campus store for book purchases, he questions the need of a Bookstore Committee and if it is deemed necessary, what should the role and the focus of the committee be? Currently Alan is the only member of the committee. It is unclear when the committee came to be. The FSEC decided to table the discussion until next month and invite David Hansen in to discuss the viability of the committee.

Structure of the faculty senate and standing committees – Renee Galliher/Glenn McEvoy. There have been many discussions amongst the Faculty Senate presidency recently regarding how best to conduct the Faculty Senate business with the growing number of faculty we have and as spread out geographically as they are. Glenn outlined a few problems with the current structure;

1. Some colleges have difficulty finding enough people interested in being elected to the Faculty Senate.
2. The standing committees of the senate now consist of 15 people. Chairs of these committee have much difficulty finding times where the majority of the committee can meet.

Glenn raises the question of whether a leaner Faculty Senate and standing committees would solve these problems. There was considerable discussion as to whether such changes would increase the workload of Senators and committees. USU has the largest Faculty Senate in the state. Renee asked if the FSEC believes this should be brought before the senate for discussion and development of a plan; possibly create a task force to generate ideas on how to make such changes. The senators engaged in a discussion about the concept in general, and whether other models exist that could be studied and used as a guide.

Doug Jackson-Smith made a motion to place the general discussion on the agenda as an information item. The motion was seconded by Glenn McEvoy and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

PRPC Code Changes 405.8.2, Ombudsperson (second reading) – Terry Peak. PRPC added the phrase “in person or by electronic conferencing” where the presence of the ombudsperson is referred to. The wording was left intact after a spirited discussion during the first reading to the Faculty Senate.

A motion to place this on the agenda for a second reading as an action item was made by Doug Jackson-Smith, seconded by Yanghee Kim and the motion passed unanimously.

PRPC 407, Medical Incapacity (second reading) – Terry Peak. The FSEC had previously directed PRPC to only address the issue of medical incapacity in this section of the code, as the rest of the needed changes will be addressed by a subcommittee review.

A motion to place this as an action item on the agenda was made by Glenn McEvoy and seconded by Dale Barnard. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Yanghee Kim to charge PRPC to address section 402 of the code, by changing the wording of Graduate Student Senate to Graduate Student Officers as there is no longer a Graduate Student Senate. The motion was seconded by Glenn McEvoy and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Renee Galliher asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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