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## **FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**October 21, 2013 3:00 P.M.**

**Champ Hall Conference Room**

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**Present:** Yanghee Kim (Chair), Dale Barnard, Amy Brown, Richard Clement, Jennifer Duncan, Lyle Holgram, Steven Mansfield, Glenn McEvoy, Jason Olsen, Robert Schmidt, Vincent Wickwar, Doug Jackson-Smith (President Elect), Renee Galliher (Past President), President Stan Albrecht (Ex-Officio), Provost Noelle Cockett (Ex-Officio), Joan Kleinke (Exec. Sec.), Marilyn Atkinson (Assistant) **Guests:** Karen Mock, Ken White, Ed Reeve, Stephen Bialkowski

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Yanghee Kim called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

There were no corrections to the minutes. The minutes were adopted.

### **Announcements**

The Brown Bag Lunch with the President will be reduced to once or twice a semester.

### **University Business - President Albrecht and Provost Cockett.**

Last spring a 1% cost of living adjustment (COLA) was approved along with a 2<sup>nd</sup> COLA increase to cover the health insurance increase. As the budget was not impacted as dramatically as expected by the change in missionary age, there are limited funds available. The administration is considering 3 options. Option 1; distribute the funds to the units. Option 2; hold the funds for future needs. Option 3; distribute the funds across the board in early December. The sense of the Deans Council was to distribute the funds across the board, as this will have the greatest impact on the lower wage staff.

A senator questioned what impact USTAR report will have. President Albrecht mentioned two concerns; first, that the audit will provide fodder for skeptics and second that in a media frenzy the truth doesn't matter. This should not affect other endeavors and the hope is that USTAR will not be defunded.

### **Information Items**

**FEC Annual Report – Karen Mock.** The FEC committee is meeting more frequently. They have spent a lot of time discussing the new IDEA evaluation tool, but decided it was still a little too early to conduct a faculty survey. Michael Torrens has been very helpful with their data mining questions. It was found that there was no real difference in a benchmarking study with other land grant universities than the institutions that are rated as our peers in the IDEA data base. They are creating a Canvas course where faculty can post teaching parts of their portfolios.

Glenn McEvoy moved to place the report on the December consent agenda, Vince Wickwar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Athletic Council Annual Report – Ken White.** The Executive Summary provides an overview of changes during the 12-13 academic year. The grades for 2012-13 were not available when the report was published, so the grades reflected are for the previous year. The budget for FY13 is fairly volatile. Overall there is a net deficit of \$300,000. The Mountain West Conference fee is \$2M spread over 4 years.

Robert Schmidt moved to place the report on the consent agenda, Dale Barnard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

**EPC Items – Ed Reeve for Larry Smith.** The EPC approved 80 requests this month. They are working with IT and the Provosts office to do approvals electronically. There are still R401 revisions coming in from the Graduate School Review.

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

**Committee on Committees Item – Robert Schmidt.** Robert nominated Charles Waugh to the Graduate Council. Jennifer Duncan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Wording Change to Code 402.4.3 – Yanghee Kim.** Yanghee proposed a change to the wording of the agendas for Faculty Senate meetings. The question was raised if the policy was patterned after the Board of Trustees meetings and how items would be handled. The business of the meeting would not change, but language would be made simpler and easier to understand.

Doug Jackson-Smith made a motion to send the issue to PRPC for review and have them present a report to FSEC in November. Dale Barnard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

**405.12 Post Tenure Review Task Force updated proposal – Renee Galliher.** The task force has taken into consideration all the feedback gathered last spring and prepared a proposal. There was a lengthy discussion on how to reduce the senior faculty members' burden of post tenure reviews, the difficulty of "neighbor vs. neighbor" conflicts in the evaluation process and if other sections of the code are in conflict with the proposal.

Dale Barnard motioned that PRPC and the task force resolve the issue of the two sections of code that are in conflict with the proposal. No second was received.

Doug Jackson-Smith moved to recommend to the Faculty Forum committee to put the issue on the agenda for Forum with clear expectations for a broader discussion. Jennifer Duncan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**402.12.7 PRPC wording on what follows "decide university awards" for Second Reading – Stephen Bialkowski.** The correct name for the awards is the Eldon J. Gardener Teacher of the Year Award and the Undergraduate Faculty Advisor of the year award.

Robert Schmidt moved to place the item on the agenda as Old Business, Renee Galliher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Adjournment**

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