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FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 17, 2014 3:00 P.M.

Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Yanghee Kim (Chair), Dale Barnard, Rhonda Callister, Richard Clement, Dan Davis Jennifer Duncan (excused), Jake Gunther, Steven Mansfield, 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:** Larry Smith

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.

University Business - President Albrecht and Provost Cockett.

The President recapped the outcomes of the legislative session. Money set aside for a failed technology initiative rolled into the higher education budget which resulted in an 11% increase overall. A large portion of that increase will go to schools with higher growth rates, such as UVU and SLCC. USU will see funding for two new buildings for our Regional Campuses; one in Brigham City and one in Price. This should cover our facility needs for the RCDE program for the next decade. There was money for a 1.25% salary increase appropriated with some additional to help cover the increase of health care and retirement costs. There will also be a 1% increase to salaries from tuition and an additional .75% from money that was previously set aside. This totals a 3% increase that will be distributed by the units. More information on the salary increases will be coming in the near future.

The President said he was encouraged with the enrollment numbers. The impact on enrollment has been far less significant than anticipated because of our out of state recruitment. Looking to the future, applications are at a record high, in part because of the out of state tuition waivers which are being granted to grad students as well. Student quality remains very high; at or above the index scores.

Information Items

Brown Bag Lunch – Yanghee Kim. The next Brown Bag lunch with the President will be Friday March 21 at noon in Champ Hall.

Professional Responsibilities and Procedures Committee Report – Stephen Bialkowski. Stephen was not in attendance at this meeting.

Steve Mansfield moved to place this item on the reports agenda, Renee Galliher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

PRPC Code Change 405.7.2(5) and 407.6.3(2) Notification date unification (Second Reading) – Stephen Bialkowski.

Steve Mansfield moved to place this on the agenda as unfinished business, Dale Barnard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRPC Code Change 402.3.2 add assigned teaching to list of unavoidable absences (Second Reading) – Stephen Bialkowski.

Rhonda Callister moved to place the item on the agenda as unfinished business, Vince Wickwar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PTR Decision Points – Yanghee Kim. Yanghee lead the committee in a discussion to revise the PTR decision points based on the outcomes of the discussion and voting in the last Faculty Senate Meeting. It was decided

that the language from section 405.12.3 and 405.6.1 would be copied and used for consistency and clarity. The following discussion points were agreed upon for discussion and vote in the next Faculty Senate meeting. The first three points will be presented for Yes/No vote, and the last point will be a question with two options:

- Faculty may request a peer review at any time after a negative review, and the requests for a peer review would be submitted to the dean or chancellor.
- Clarify for PRPC that a negative annual review is the standard set in code 405.12.1. The basic standard for appraisal shall be whether the faculty member under review discharges conscientiously and with professional competence the duties appropriately associated with his or her position.
- A peer review will be required if a department head proposes a professional development plan.
- A peer review committee will be formed by mutual agreement with the department head and faculty, or in accordance with the current code (appointed by the department head in consultation with the faculty member).

Review of Administrators – Yanghee Kim.

A motion to table this item until the last April meeting was made by Dale Barnhart and seconded by Jake Gunther. The motion passed.

New Business

EPC Items - Larry Smith.

A motion to place the EPC monthly report on the reports agenda, with a summary by Larry Smith, was made by Doug Jackson-Smith and seconded by Jennifer Duncan. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of President-Elect of the Faculty Senate – Yanghee Kim.

A motion to place this item on the agenda as new business was made by Renee Galliher and seconded by Doug Jackson-Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Yanghee Kim asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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