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FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 25, 2014

Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Doug Jackson-Smith (Chair), Dan Davis, Jake Gunther, Mark McLellan, Robert Mueller, Dan Murphy, Jeanette Norton, Jason Olsen, Michael Pace (excused, sub Margie Memmott), Robert Schmidt, Charles Waugh, Vincent Wickwar, Rhonda Callister (President Elect), Yanghee Kim (Past President), President Stan Albrecht (Ex-Officio), Provost Noelle Cockett (Ex-Officio), Joan Kleinke (Exec. Sec.), Marilyn Atkinson (Assistant) **Guests:** Jeff Broadbent

Doug Jackson-Smith 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 Faculty Senate Calendar and Members Roster are posted on the webpage. Please look there for the most up to date information. Senate Alternates are listed on the Roster, please use this list to find a sub from your unit.

The Brown Bag Lunch with the President for this semester will be held at noon in Champ Hall on Tuesday September 30, Thursday October 23, and Wednesday November 19.

All FSEC and FS meetings are broadcast to distance sites. Please keep noise and side conversations to a minimum as the microphones will pick these up and transmit them.

University Business - President Albrecht and Provost Cockett.

President Albrecht welcomed the senators back. He is encouraged with the enrollment for Fall Semester. The preparation of the students is very good and their index scores are high. The Grad student numbers are looking good as well. In the near future we should see an increase of foreign students as a result of the efforts of the Director of International Recruiting. Progress on the new Huntsman Building is coming along, but a bit behind schedule. The walls are going up for the new Student Recreation Center, and there are ground breaking and dedications scheduled for other building projects. Upgrades and improvements to the Fine Arts Building, including the Kent Concert Hall, the football stadium, and a privately funded project in Price are all forthcoming. As we look ahead to the legislative session, the current plan is to request a 3% compensation increase and a 5% health coverage increase.

Provost Cockett announced that Janet Anderson will be the new Vice Provost. She has been serving in faculty and Associate Dean for Academics positions in the College of Agriculture. Brian Warnick, an ASTE faculty will become the new Associate Dean for Academics for the College of Agriculture.

Doug Jackson-Smith requested that the President include the BFW committee in the upcoming faculty compensation discussions.

Executive Committee Orientation

FSEC Role in Faculty Communication – Doug Jackson-Smith. Doug briefly outlined the roles and responsibilities of the FSEC and Faculty Senate which is to represent the interests of faculty and to take responsibility for the educational mission of the university. The purpose of FSEC is to set the agenda for the Faculty Senate meetings, and act as a steering committee to direct the work of subcommittees. He encourages members to take this responsibility seriously and that would mean becoming a good communicator with their departments and colleges. A summary of senate meeting agendas will be distributed to FSEC members and they should distribute them on to their peers as is appropriate. A faculty email list for each department will be distributed in the next few days.

Overview of Faculty Senate Webpage – Joan Kleinke. Joan explained that the webpage will always have the most up to date information. Please check it often.

A motion to place the orientation items on the agenda was made by Jake Gunther and seconded by Rhonda Callister. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Research and Graduate Council Annual Report – Mark McLellan. These two reports have been merged into one report for the Office of Research and Graduate Studies. Their extensive report deals with many accomplishments over the last year, most notably a record \$220 million in new awards and an over 40% increase in federal comparative grants. The new tuition waiver creates an even playing field for faculty to recruit students. New research facilities offered at very reasonable to cost to students will have a big impact on the future of research. They are working with department heads to design training in grant management for new faculty who work with sponsored programs. A recruitment team was recently sent to Iraq and received 150 graduate applications. Of those applications, 11 students have come to campus. The TEDX series was very successful and has received up to 170,000 downloads online.

Vince Wickwar moved to place the report on the agenda, Yanghee Kim seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Election of new Committee on Committees Member – Doug Jackson-Smith. The Committee on Committees has one vacancy. Leslie Brott was nominated for this position.

A motion to approve this nomination was made by Mark McClellan and seconded by Rhonda Callister, the motion passed unanimously.

Election of new Faculty Athletic Representative – Doug Jackson-Smith. The athletic council has nominated Ed Heath to fill the vacancy left by Ken White.

A motion was made by Vince Wickwar and seconded by Rhonda Callister to approve this nomination, the motion passed.

A motion to place both committee nominations on the Faculty Senate agenda for full senate approval was made by Vince Wickwar and seconded by Rhonda Callister. The motion passed unanimously.

Code change to lengthen term for Committee on Committees Members – Doug Jackson-Smith. It was proposed that the term for committee members be raised to 3 years with a staggered rotation off the committee to provide for continuity and institutional memory.

A motion to place the code change on the agenda was made by Robert Schmidt and seconded by Yanghee Kim. The motion passed unanimously.

Priority Issues for Faculty Senate Action – Doug Jackson-Smith. There are several issues that the FS Presidency has discussed and would like to see brought forward to the Faculty Senate this year, including continuation of the promotion and tenure discussion, revisiting the section 406 code revisions recommended by the task force, the restructuring of committees of the senate, and identifying graduate faculty in each department.

Old Business

Overview of Old Business from the April 28, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting (Post Tenure Review Process) – Doug Jackson-Smith. Doug briefly reviewed the history of this issue and the work of the task force involved. There have been a series of advisory votes seeing guidance on the structure of changes needed. Doug will email to FSEC members his slide presentation detailing the changes voted on to date and the upcoming proposals that need to be discussed.

A motion to place this item on the agenda as old business for information purposes only was made by Mark McLellan and seconded by Dan Murphy.

Adjournment

Doug Jackson-Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

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