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FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 17, 2014 3:00 P.M.

Champ Hall Conference Room

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

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 in November was cancelled due to low expected attendance.

University Business - President Albrecht and Provost Cockett.

President Albrecht encouraged FSEC members to send any recommendations for honorary degree recipients and commencement speakers to his office as soon as possible. The SLC Chamber of Commerce will present "Prosperity through Education" next week to the legislature. This is a multi-year plan to invest in higher education. Information can be found at <http://educationfirstutah.org/> and <http://slchamber.com/blog/utah-business-leaders-reveal-a-collaborative-five-year-plan-to-make-utah-a-top-ten-state-in-education-10009001.htm>.

The President and several faculty members attended a meeting with Senator Urquhart to learn more about his performance based funding initiative for higher education. President Albrecht indicated that he expects an increased emphasis given to this funding model over time, but that USU would do well in that model.

Information Items

Faculty Forum Follow-up – Yanghee Kim. Ronda Callister moved to place the report on the December agenda as an information item, Vince Wickwar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Review FS Presidency Visit to USU-Eastern – Yanghee Kim. The FS President, Past President, and President Elect visited the USU Eastern campus in October to meet face to face with faculty and Faculty Senate representatives there.

Proposed FS President Compensation Policy – Yanghee Kim. Doug Jackson-Smith is working with the Provost's office to codify the compensation policy for the FS presidents' time commitment as it is now merely an informal practice, and seeking to initiate some summer salary support for the position as well.

Progress of PTR Working Committee – Yanghee Kim. The Committee has had 2 meetings, each about 1.5 hours long and they feel they are reaching a consensus view of the issue, agreeing on many of the decision points. They will be meeting again November 24th, to finalize their presentation for the December or possibly January FS meeting.

New Business

EPC Items - Larry Smith. For the November report of the EPC, there was no Academic Standards Committee business, they only meet on an as-needed basis. The General Education Committee conducted routine business in November, reviewing 6 R401 short forms.

A motion to place the EPC monthly report on the report agenda was made by Mark McClellan and seconded by Robert Schmidt. The motion passed unanimously.

USU Student Association Report – Doug Fiefia. Doug highlighted the creation of the MyVoice interface for students which brings in comments and questions to student government leadership who then work with faculty and staff to handle the issues. There has been very good feedback about this program. Other initiatives also of note include the USUSA Sexual Assault Prevention Campaign and the online textbook exchange. USUSA has raised \$29,000 to go towards scholarships and initiatives for students.

Jake Gunther moved to place this item on the report agenda. The motion was seconded by Charles Waugh and passed unanimously.

Retention and Student Success Report – John Mortensen. USU has employed effective enrollment strategies to compensate for the reduced enrollment following the change in LDS missionary age two years ago. We are expecting major enrollment growth for Fall 2016 as these missionaries begin to return. USU has a web site dedicated to determining a freshman students' first schedule of classes without meeting with an advisor. The site is available thru SOAR and incorporates advisors advice into a series of classes that will match the students selected major; the student then selects courses from those suggested. This access allows for earlier enrollment, and in turn provides time to add additional sections of high demand classes when necessary. Freshman also have a new web site to help them determine if they need to take the Math Placement Exam, and priority registration for Math 1010 courses is extended to students in the remedial Math sections. The Registrars' Office is working on a system to better track students who leave without a taking a formal leave of absence.

A motion to place this item on the reports agenda was made by Mark McClellan and seconded by Ronda Callister. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

405 Code Change Proposals – Ronda Callister & Larry Smith. This proposal was initiated by the Provost and amended by AFT. The first item clarifies that role statements are initially approved by the Provosts office, but a signature is not required after the job offer is accepted. Change two adds the words "some academic units such as Extension and USUE may find it useful to have a work plan". Change three adds the word "not" added to clarify that the annual P&T letter is not to be used as the annual review, as the standards are different. A concern was raised about approving this section until the PTR discussion is completed. Larry Smith clarified that this only applies to tenure eligible faculty, not post tenured faculty. Yanghee reminded us that this is still a draft and PRPC will need to draft the code language and present it to FS twice and to FSEC at least one more time. All that is required at this meeting is a vote to send it to PRPC to begin the process. The fourth change allows the academic deans and VP for Extension to combine their letters if they so choose to do so.

Mark McClellan moved to place this on the agenda as an Information Item, Ronda Callister seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

USU Policy 376 – Mark McLellan. This is a revision to the extra service compensation policy and has been approved by the research council. The revision now meets new federal rules and regulations that take effect December 26th of this year. Remember that this is a 300 level code change and as such comes to the Faculty Senate for feedback.

A motion to place the item on the agenda as an Information Item was made by Vince Wickwar and seconded by Jake Gunther. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to send this item to BFW for feedback was made by Robert Schmidt and seconded by Ronda Callister. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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