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## **FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**March 16, 2015 3:00 P.M.**

**Champ Hall Conference Room**

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**Present:** Doug Jackson-Smith (Chair), Dan Davis, Jake Gunther, Betty Hassell, Mark McLellan, Robert Mueller (excused), Dan Murphy, Jeanette Norton, Jason Olsen (excused-Betty Hassell substitute), Michael Pace, Robert Schmidt, Charles Waugh, Vincent Wickwar, Ronda Callister (President Elect), Yanghee Kim (Past President), President Stan Albrecht (Ex-Officio) (excused), Provost Noelle Cockett (Ex-Officio) (excused), Joan Kleinke (Exec. Sec.), Marilyn Atkinson (Assistant) **Guests:** Britt Fagerheim, Stephen Bialkowski, Janet Anderson

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Doug Jackson-Smith called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

There were no corrections to the minutes of February 17, 2015. The minutes were adopted.

### **Announcements**

**Senate Elections.** Doug will distribute a list of committee vacancies. Senators are encouraged to look for positions they can fill.

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

The President and Provost were not in attendance.

### **Information Items**

**Faculty Forum Code Change Timing – Doug Jackson-Smith.** Doug would like to present the PRPC proposal at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting in order to have time to dispose of the issue before the end of the academic year.

Ronda moved to place the item on the agenda. Jake Gunther seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Mutual Agreement Code Change Timing – Doug Jackson-Smith.** This item was on the agenda for the last senate meeting but due to time limitations was not discussed.

Yanghee Kim moved to put the issue on the senate agenda as a New Business item. Jake Gunther seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Reports**

#### **PRPC Annual Report – Stephen Bialkowski.**

A motion to place this on the Reports agenda was made by Vince Wickwar and seconded by Ronda Callister. The motion passed unanimously.

**March EPC Items – Janet Anderson.** There were two R-401 requests acted on, one of which was a request for a new PhD in Neuroscience that will be offered through the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education.

Robert Schmidt moved to place this item on the Reports agenda and Vince Wickwar seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **FDDE Annual Report – Britt Fagerheim.**

A motion to place this item on the Reports agenda was made by Jeanette Norton and seconded by Ronda Callister. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **405.2.2 (etc.) Code Change: Teaching Role Description for P&T (Second Reading) – Stephen Bialkowski.**

Mark McLellan made a motion to place the second reading on the Senate agenda, Ronda Callister seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **405.12.2 1-3 Code Changes – Stephen Bialkowski.**

Doug Jackson-Smith included a summary of the feedback in the agenda packet from AFT, BFW, FEC, and the PTR committee who reviewed their proposal entitled *Synthesis of Feedback on PRPC PTR Code Draft From Faculty Senate Committees & PTR Workgroup* as well as *Suggested Edits for the Executive Committee Consideration* to review. These documents were included in your agenda packet. The PRPC subcommittee drafted language regarding the appeals process for PTR but felt it was overreaching their charge from the senate and did not include the appeals process in their PTR code change proposal. Doug mentioned that this was specifically requested from the faculty senate as part of their code change drafting request to PRPC. He noted that if we go to “mutual agreement” in our code changes that there has to be an appeal process, as other parts of the code that have mutual agreement clauses have an appeal process. Doug also mentioned that if were to pass this without an appeals process that he thinks it is dead in the water when it get to the next level and we will be discussing it in the further with an appeals process.

Doug then asked for reactions to the draft proposal. Yanghee suggested that we bring it forward with the appeals process draft that was not included in the original PTR proposal. Robert asked if there was a general appeals process in the code and it was stated that there is not a general appeals process that would obviously apply already in faculty code. Mark stated that the three options Doug presented in his handout were interesting. The Executive Committee engaged in a lengthy discussion on the appeals process issue. Some of the ideas discussed included appointing the Faculty Senate President as a decision maker since this situation will not likely be a common one, also, we could form an appeals committee in each college, or one appeals committee for entire the university. Also discussed was if the appeals process should be part of AFT's responsibility or if it is different from the grievance process (which focused on violations of process or code, not mediation of disputes).

Yanghee Kim made a motion to present the 1<sup>st</sup> draft code change to the Faculty Senate as a first reading, including the appeal process draft option 3. Ronda Callister seconded the motion. Jake Gunther made a motion to split the motion into two parts to be voted on separately and Mark McLellan seconded. The motion passed.

Voting to place the PRPC draft code on the agenda was unanimous.

The Executive Committee then debated code change procedures and continued debating potential appeals processes.

Charles Waugh made a friendly amendment to the second motion to include language for an appeals process in the proposal by amending the second section with the first sentence of Option 3. The amendment to the motion was seconded by Mark McLellan and passed with one dissenting vote.

Doug Jackson-Smith reviewed with the FSEC the 7 other topics included in his packet (items 2-8). Discussion about the list of items indicated that including the appeals process should be top priority and some other things that could be addressed at a later date. Discussion was opened up and Ronda indicated that the appeals process was the most important issues. There was discussion about PRC processes and the role of the ombudsperson. AFT did provide a response that included this issue (in agenda packet provided).

As per AFT's feedback, Charles Waugh made a motion to add language that the PRC should meet. Ronda Callister seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Yanghee Kim suggested that the proposals be streamlined to make the agenda packet more manageable for the senators. Charles agreed that a condensed list of topics be included for the agenda. Doug agreed to provide background information including the reports from AFT and BFW to provide a clear summary guide to facilitate productive discussion in the senate.

#### **405.6.5 Code Changes – Stephen Bialkowski.**

Ronda Callister made a motion to place this item removing the word “quinquennial” on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Jeanette Norton and passed unanimously.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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