Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Monday, May 18, 2009

1. Chair Nigel Clark called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the President’s Conference Room, Stewart Hall.

   **Members Present:**
   Clark, N.  Kite, S.  Nutter, R.  Strife, M.
   Dooley, E.  Kleist, V.  Peace, G.  Wilson, C.B.
   Hartman, K.  Magrath, P.  Perone, M.  Woloshuk, J.
   Jacknowitz, A.  Martin, J.  Sedgeman, J.
   Kirby, B.  McDiarmid, M.  Stolzenberg, A.

   **Members Absent:**
   Cumming, J.  Dean, R.

   **Guests:**
   Boyles, J.  Weihman, L.

2. Interim President Magrath said he and President-elect Clements will attend the airport interviews for the Health Sciences Center chancellor position. He said stimulus money will help with the budget, but, because of current inflation, it will not be enough; he has recommended a 4% tuition increase to help with the 2009-2010 operating costs. He said we cannot do what we wish we could do--- give faculty and staff pay increases this year. President-elect Clements will attend the June 8th Faculty Senate meeting. The Interim President said he spoke with Professor Valerie Lastinger; she is pleased that the writing project has moved ahead, and thankful that her colleagues have pitched in and helped with it.

3. Interim Provost Martin reported that there were three excellent candidates for the Registrar position, and interviews have taken place. She said she has a verbal acceptance expects to get something in writing tomorrow. At that point, there will be a press release. She said she is pleased with the selection and the negotiations. The Registrar will report for duty the first of July. The Interim Provost said she has received feedback from President-elect Clements to make sure he is on board with the decision. She said based on all the evaluative data that was received, it was a clear choice.

   One interview took place last week for the CIO position, and another candidate was interviewed today. The Interim Provost said both candidates were well prepared, and she looks forward in getting the evaluative feedback tomorrow (Tuesday), so the selection process can move forward. President-elect Clements and Interim President Magrath will provide their feedback about the candidates. President-elect Clements held telephone interviews with both applicants.
There has been some difficulty scheduling interviews with candidates for the Associate Provost for International Programs since many of them travel after the spring semester concludes. Committee members are also travelling. It is hoped that one interview will be held next week and two in early June, so a decision can be made and the person selected will have the opportunity to clear his/her schedule before starting work in the summer.

Airport interviews will begin for the chancellor position next week; June 8th has been set aside for the selected applicants to come to campus for additional interviews. Interim Provost Martin said she believes the selection will be made before Interim President Magrath leaves the University, so he and President-elect Clements will be involved in the interview process as well.

Interim Provost Martin said applications and nominations have been coming in for the provost search, and anyone is welcome to nominate. She said she has encouraged this to be passed along. The Interim Provost said it has been gratifying to know that there has been excellent interest and very high quality applicants.

The deans are having a 2-day retreat this week. Interim President Magrath will open the retreat and give a presentation on “The Future of Land-grant Institutions.” President-elect Clements will attend the second day of the retreat, which will focus on strategic planning. Accomplishments of the 2010 implementation task force will be reviewed, and each dean has been asked to write what he/she believes needs to be addressed from the strategic planning, according to his/her college or school’s perspective. Comments will be submitted today by 5:00 p.m. The deans look forward to hearing Interim President Magrath and to meet with President-elect Clements so they can get to know him a little better. She said once the President-elect gets to campus, it will take him a while before he can set up individual meetings with people, so the deans are pleased that they have this opportunity. The Interim Provost said it should be a very productive two days.

4. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the April 27, 2009, Executive Committee minutes. Motion carried.

5. Minutes from the May 11, 2009 Faculty Senate meeting were reviewed.

6. Alan Stolzenberg, Chair, Curriculum Committee, moved for approval and acceptance of the following SCC Reports:

   Annex I. New Courses and Course Changes. Motion carried.
   Annex II. For Approval – Capstone Request for MAE 475. Motion carried.
   Annex IV. 2009-10. Committee Goals. Accepted.
   Annex V. Alteration Report. For Information.
7. Beverly Kirby, Chair, General Education Curriculum Oversight Committee moved for approval and acceptance of the following Reports:

Annex VI. GEC Actions. Motion carried.
Annex VII. 2008-09. Annual Committee Report. Accepted.
Annex VIII. 2009-10 Committee Goals. Accepted. A document for “writing requirements” (approved by the Faculty Senate in 1999) will be posted to the web page, and procedures listed on the web page will be reviewed for consistency.
Chair Clark recommended that Professor Kirby contact Gwen Bergner, Chair, Committee on Committees, if additional members are added for the General Education Committee.
Annex IX. GEC Audits was presented for Information.

8. Jan Boyles, Chair-elect, Committee on Committees, Membership and Constituencies Committee moved and it was duly seconded to accept the 2008-2009 Annual Committee Report and 2008-2009 Committee Goals listed in Annex X. Accepted.

9. It was moved and duly seconded to accept the 2008-2009 Annual Report by the Faculty Welfare Committee listed in Annex XI. Accepted. Chair Clark will contact the committee to request it submit a resolution so details of the smoking policy can be reviewed. The 2009-2010 Committee Goals were reviewed listed in Annex XII. Accepted.

10. It was moved and duly seconded to accept the 2008-2009 Annual Report by the Library Committee and the 2009-2010 Committee Goals listed in Annex XIII. Accepted.

11. It was moved and duly seconded to accept the 2008-2009 Annual Report by the Research and Scholarship Committee and the 2009-2010 Committee Goals listed in Annex XIV. Accepted.

12. Art Jacknowitz moved and it was duly seconded to accept the 2008-2009 Annual Report by the Service Committee and the 2009-2010 Committee Goals listed in Annex XV. Accepted.

13. Judith Sedgeman moved and it was duly seconded to accept the 2008-2009 Annual Report by the Student Evaluation of Instruction Committee and the 2009-2010 Committee Goals listed in Annex XVI. Accepted.

14. Jan Boyles moved and it was duly seconded to accept the 2008-2009 Annual Report by the Student Instruction Committee and the 2009-2010 Committee Goals listed in Annex XVII. Accepted.

15. It was moved and duly seconded to accept the 2008-09 Annual Report by the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee and the 2009-10 Committee Goals listed in Annex XVIII. Accepted.

16. Professor Stolzenberg said last month the Senate Executive Committee reviewed the draft policy for experiential learning to define what this type of learning consisted of and what would fall under the policy. He said Senior Provost Russ Dean’s office looked up how other people defined experiential learning from different universities. Professor Stolzenberg said he received a revision from Professor McDiarmid, and she defined the policy to include an ad
hoc experiential learning type, which crafts a particular experience for a particular student. It was moved and duly seconded to forward the policy to the Faculty Senate for its June 8th meeting. **Motion carried.**

17. Lisa Weihman reported that the Committee to Rescind Asinine Procedures is meeting regularly. She said there is a problem that will take a while to resolve because of procedure. She will meet with Cynthia Jarvis about the issue.

18. Lisa Weihman reported that the new child care facility is very nice, and there has been a great response. It should be open early August, 2009, and Diana Rudash has accepted the director’s position. Pre-enrollment applications are being accepted for child care; 46% of the applications are from faculty, 29% from students, 10% from classified/non-classified staff, and 8% from the community.

19. Chair Clark distributed a handout showing the 13 people that applied for the BOG position for a full-time faculty member from either the Health Sciences Center or Extension Services. The Senate Bill has been signed so the election needs to take place at the June 8th Faculty Senate meeting. He said there has been informal discussion about the election rules. Professor Kite recommended taking the current list of 13 candidates, and narrowing it down to four candidates. Those candidates will be asked to present a justification of why they would want to serve on the BOG Committee. Another vote would be taken with a majority vote to eliminate two candidates, and then a final vote. Chair Clark said there will be a justification from the candidates, and in some cases, both the nominating person and the candidate would provide justifications.

Professor McDiarmid moved to accept the process that Professor Kite described with a written presentation prior to the meeting, a screening vote, and then speeches with a majority vote. It was duly seconded. **Motion carried.**

Professor Kleist moved to have a separate venue prior to the Faculty Senate meeting with the 13 nominees so they can make themselves accessible to the faculty for getting to know them and listen to them talk. It was duly seconded. **Motion carried.** The separate meeting will be held immediately prior to the June 8th Faculty Senate meeting where all 13 candidates can interface with senators. Chair Clark will prepare an invitation for the candidates and send it to the Faculty Senate Office for distribution.

20. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the slate of names for the Executive Committee listed in Annex XIX. **Motion carried.**

21. There was no new business.

22. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. to reconvene Monday, August 24, 2009.

Mary Strife
Faculty Secretary