

Minutes  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
Monday, April 27, 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.	Peace, G.	Wilson, C. B.
Cumming, J.	Kleist, V.	Perone, M.	Woloshuk, J.
Dean, R.	McDiarmid, M.	Stolzenberg, A.	
Hartman, K.	Nutter, R.	Strife, M.	

Members Absent:

Jackowitz, A.	Magrath, P.	Sedgeman, J.
Kirby, B.	Martin, J.	Torsney, C.

Guests:

Maunz, S. (D.A.)	Shaner, C. (D.P.)
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2. Associate Provost Russell Dean reported that:
  - The Registrar's search is going on now. Two candidates have been here; one more will be here next week. The two that have been here have been very impressive; they have a lot of experience as Registrar. The one coming next week is also a strong candidate. He said that Interim Provost Martin expects to make an offer shortly after the third candidate is here.
  - The CIO search is coming along. Phone interviews were done today, another will be done on Wednesday. Then a decision will be made on who to bring to campus for interviews. Hopefully, interviews will begin in two weeks or so. The Provost's Office is in the process of identifying individuals for those candidates to meet with.
  - Last week's going away reception for Cheryl Torsney went quite well. A reception for Sid Morrison will be held in June.
3. It was moved and duly seconded to approve the Executive Committee minutes from the Monday, March 30, 2009 meeting. After making a correction to Item 2, line 4, Motion carried.
4. Minutes from the April 13, 2009 Faculty Senate meeting were reviewed.
5. Chair Clark reported on the following issues:
  - SB 373, which is still not signed, but needs addressed, and is listed for discussion under Item 10 on today's agenda.
  - Bruce Sparks, Office of Technology Transfer, will speak about intellectual property and tech transfer patents, etc., at the May Faculty Senate meeting.
  - Representative Roy Nutter's term on the ACF ends soon. This will be discussed under new business.
  - Interim President Peter Magrath will address the current Faculty Senate for the last time in May. Chair Clark asked that Exec Members remain after today's meeting for an informal discussion on kind words that can be said about Interim President Magrath at the May Faculty Senate meeting.

- Incoming President Jim Clements will address the June Faculty Senate meeting. Interim President Magrath will also be present also.
- He feels that the Faculty Senate needs to become a little more proactive and a little less inward looking. He believes the Faculty Senate could have more influence on the University's future path. The Senate could also interact more with external constituencies, much the way the staff do. He suggests considering a Senate group dealing with external relations that makes it their business to communicate with other entities. Chair Clark said that in many cases we are represented by the administration and by the ACF and there's a strong overlap with faculty needs in both of those cases. He said, in some cases, we may want to look ahead for the faculty both in terms of leading the University and in terms of issues that affect faculty welfare, outside of the Faculty Welfare Committee. This group would also interact with the ACF representative.

6. Professor Stolzenberg, Curriculum Committee Chair, moved to approve:

- Annex I, New Courses and Course Changes report. Motion carried.
- Annex II, Industrial Engineering Curriculum Change. Motion carried.
- Annex III, Request to Rename Division of Art. Motion carried, pending changing the plus (+) sign to the word "and" in the name change. Professor Stolzenberg will contact the Division.
- Annex IV, Request to Rename Existing Degree Programs. Motion carried.
- Annex V, Alteration Report, was presented for information.

Professor Stolzenberg said that it has come to his attention that the way of authorizing pre-requisites may need changed. He asked that if one group changes a course number, do we want every other group who uses it as a pre-requisite to have to file an alteration. It was moved, and duly seconded, that the Chair of the Curriculum Committee be empowered to make minor alterations in pre-requisites/co-requisites on their own. Motion carried. In the process, the Chair of the Curriculum Committee with consult with the Registrar to make sure all the changes are made to the catalogue. All administrative requests will be made with a memorandum to the Curriculum Committee Chair.

7. It was moved to approve Annex VI, GEC Actions. Motion carried. Annex VII, GEC Audits, was presented for information. Professor Stolzenberg questioned why two introductory language classes were being dropped by GEC, specifically GER 100 and 200. Chair Clark will contact GECO Committee Chair Beverly Kirby about this.
8. Professor Stolzenberg said that the Curriculum Committee was charged by Interim Provost Martin to come up with a policy on Experiential Learning. He said the Committee tried to define what Experiential Learning is. He said if you're going to do this each academic unit needs a written policy. He also said that there should be an equivalence in quantity and quality of experiential learning effort and conventional academic effort for a set amount of credit within a discipline. Professor Stolzenberg said the committee discussed several points that the policy must address. He said the University needs to develop a method of designation on a transcript that this is an experiential course. He also said that since we already have areas that are doing internships and other types of experiential learning we need to find a way to make sure there's a transition period until there's a formal policy in writing. Professor Stolzenberg asked everyone to send him substantive input, as well as language.

9. Chair Clark said that if SB 373 is signed into law, it will come into effect July 1, 2009. That leaves only two Faculty Senate meetings before that date to appoint a representative from Health Sciences or Extension to the BOG as required. He feels a process needs to be started now to identify a candidate. He said that many ideas come to mind, including staggered terms for our two BOG representatives. The problem is, he said, is that it is unworkable or presents difficulties for different reasons. He feels that, at this point, we need to designate a representative from Health Sciences or Extension and he suggests that we find a method for finding a representative without jumping the gun on the great details. He said we can deal with how this becomes a permanent cycle later, when we deal with amendments to the Faculty Senate Constitution. Professor Perone moved, and it was duly seconded, that nominations are solicited from anyone within the University faculty, but nominees must be full time faculty and come from Health Sciences or Extension. Nominees must agree to serve, if elected; and, they have to provide a written biography to be on the ballot. Nominations must be received by the May 18 Executive Committee meeting; the election will take place at the June 8 Faculty Senate meeting. Motion carried.

Professor Kleist moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Constitution Committee be charged with developing an array of solutions of how the Health Science or Extension representative and the Faculty Senate Chair representative are selected for the long run. Motion carried. Constitution Committee Chair Kite said he will have something ready for discussion at the August Executive Committee meeting.

It was moved, and duly seconded, that the Health Sciences/Extension representative have an ex-officio seat on the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

It was moved, and duly seconded, that the Health Sciences/Extension representative be an ex-officio voting member of the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

In further discussion, it was noted that the previous two motions must go through the Constitution Committee to examine.

Chair Clark will send the Faculty Secretary a message to forward to the faculty requesting nominations for a Health Sciences or Extension representative on the BOG.

10. Annex VIII, Results of the 2009 Faculty Senate Election, was presented for information.

New Business:

11. Professor McDiarmid moved, and it was duly seconded, to nominate Professor Roy Nutter to continue as representative on the ACF. The Executive Committee will recommend to the Faculty Senate that Professor Nutter be re-elected as ACF representative. Motion carried. Professor Nutter agreed to serve provided there are no nominations from the floor at the Faculty Senate meeting.
12. Professor Kite provided a hand-out detailing an AAUP Faculty Salary Survey.
13. Faculty Secretary Strife said that the Chairs Plaque Reception will be held immediately after the May 18 Executive Committee meeting in the Milano Room of the Downtown Library. The Faculty Senate Office will send out invitations to past Faculty Senate Chairs.
14. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, May 18, 2009.

Mary Strife  
Faculty Secretary