EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Bender, Guevara, Joeckel, Nickerson, Reisbig, Rinkevich, Ruchala, Sollars, Woodman, Zoubek
Absent: Anaya, Schubert, Wysocki
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2014
Location: Faculty Senate Office

Note: These are not verbatim minutes. They are a summary of the discussions at the Executive Committee meeting as corrected by those participating.

1.0 Call to Order
Guevara called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2.0 Announcements
2.1 Interviews with Candidates for Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences
Guevara reported that members of the Executive Committee interviewed the next two candidates for the Dean of Arts & Sciences and had long conversations with both candidates.

3.0 Approval of 2/26/14 Minutes
Ruchala moved for approval of the minutes as revised. The motion was seconded by Joeckel. The motion was approved.

4.0 Unfinished Business
4.1 Update on Nominations for President Search Advisory Committee
Guevara reported that he received a handful of nominations from Senators and he selected two names which he forwarded to Regent Hawks. He noted that the Board of Regents will select who will serve on the search advisory committee.

4.2 Follow Up on the College of Engineering Issue
Guevara reported that he spoke with both SVCAA Weissinger and Associate VC Perez about the issue of Dean Wei wanting to change the College of Engineering bylaws which would allow him to set the criteria for hiring and promotion of non-tenure track faculty members. He noted that there appears to have been some miscommunication on the part of an Engineering college administrator about the issue. He pointed out that SVCAA Weissinger and Associate VC Perez made it clear that there was no such thing as “executive authority” given. SVCAA Weissinger indicated that faculty members have the right to vote down the changes proposed by Dean Wei. She indicated that it is a clear issue where the faculty is being consulted for proposed changes.
4.3 **Nominations for the CIC Academic Leadership Development Program**

Nickerson noted that the Executive Committee needs to submit the names of people interested in participating in the CIC Academic Leadership Development Program as the deadline date is April 1. He stated that it would be good for shared governance if one of the Executive Committee members would be selected to participate in the program.

5.0 **New Business**

5.1 **Review of Senate Meeting**

Nickerson noted that the deadline date for Senators to vote on matters of emergencies in the Senate rules can be changed to deal with instances where an emergency falls over the weekend. Woodman suggested that the language “at least 48 hours” be written into the rules because it would shorten the amount of time required for a deadline if an emergency occurs during the business week, but also allows for a lengthier time if the emergency vote would occur over the weekend. Sollars stated that the important point is that the votes won’t be tallied until at least a quorum is met. Guevara pointed out that the votes won’t be fully tallied until the deadline because the outcome of the vote could change even after a quorum is met.

Guevara stated that he was appreciative of the donation from the Nebraska Cooperative Extension Association of $1500 to the Faculty Senate Office. Zoubek stated that the NCEA discussed the Senate Office’s need to replace the computer and decided to increase the donation to $1500.

Guevara stated that he thinks everyone was happy to hear that the parking rates will not increase for next year.

5.2 **Agenda Items for Chancellor Perlman**

The Executive Committee identified the following agenda items for Chancellor Perlman:
- Latest Information on Plans for the Student Health Center
- TIPSPrevention Program Update
- Regents Policy 4.3.1 and the plan to reduce the level of tenure density– is there a strategic plan in place?
- Progress on Planned College of Business Administration Building
- Faculty Concerns with Merger of Architecture and Fine Arts
- Follow up on changes to online tuition distribution
- Impacts on graduation rates with 120 credit hour requirement
- Update on the skating rink
- What are the next steps that will be undertaken to ensure successful merger of CEEN and EE departments?

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Wednesday March 12, 2014 at 3:00 pm. The meeting will be held in 201 Canfield Administration. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Toni Anaya, Secretary.