

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Present:** Bender, Dawes, Fech, Hanrahan, Konecky, Leiter, Purcell, Purdum, Rudy, Steffen, Vakilzadian, Woodman

**Absent:** Lee

**Date:** April 4, 2017

**Location:** City Campus Union, Auditorium

**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 (*Woodman*)

Woodman called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.

### 2.0 Announcements

#### 2.1 Resolution on Budget Cuts

Woodman reported that he was contacted by UNMC Faculty Senate President Nizar Wehbi suggesting that each campus pass a resolution on LB 327 urging State Legislators to support the state funding for the University of Nebraska. He noted that the Executive Committee will need to refine the wording of the resolution for UNL and stated that it will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

### 3.0 Approval of March 28, 2017 Minutes

Steffen moved for approval of the minutes. Motion seconded by Vakilzadian and approved by the Committee with one abstention.

### 4.0 Unfinished Business

#### 4.1 Faculty Questionnaire

The Executive Committee reviewed and revised a brief questionnaire that will be sent to the faculty asking for their input on how university resources can be used more efficiently; what benefit, other than parking or salary, would benefit their employment; and what idea they have to academically enhance UNL in the Big Ten. Fech suggested that the administration be informed that the Committee is planning to send out the questionnaire. Purcell stated that the aggregate data can be shared with the administrators. Woodman pointed out that collating the information will require some strategy. Hanrahan suggested that the comments be categorized by themes. Hanrahan and Dawes agreed to help Purcell collate the data.

### 5.0 New Business

#### 5.1 Agenda Items for Chancellor Green and EVC Plowman

The Executive Committee identified the following agenda items for the administrators:

- What criteria will be used to determine vertical cuts and how will faculty provide input?

- Update on Friday Night Football Games since Northwestern's Objection
- Plans to Change the VC of Student Affairs position?
- Clarification on University Procedures for Judicial Violations - Involvement of Student Conduct Board in Title IX Cases
- Budget Model Task Force Report - What budget model is being recommended?
- Push for Online Courses to Handle Enrollment Growth
- Efforts Academic Affairs is Making to Get Faculty to Engage in Retention Strategies
- Any new Student Recruiting Strategies given Decreasing Population of High School Students in Nebraska

### **5.2 Report on Board of Regents Meeting**

Woodman reported that President Bounds gave his presentation to the Board of Regents regarding the University budget and the serious impacts it would have for the University. He noted that friends of the suspended fraternity made a comment raising concerns about the relationships between fraternities and the university.

### **5.3 Report on Town Hall Meeting**

Woodman reported that the Chancellor did not provide much new additional information at the meeting other than some details regarding the budget. He noted that the Chancellor stated that the quality of the University will not be affected by the cuts, but affordability and pace of growth will more than likely be affected and the next few years will be difficult.

### **5.4 Professionalism Issue**

Woodman reported that he was contacted by Director Tami Strickman about faculty disciplinary issues not involving the ARRC. Bender pointed out that the rules of the Professional Conduct Committees list sanctions that can be imposed if a faculty member is found guilty of a violation and the special hearing committee can make recommendations that a sanction be followed. Purdum noted that both sides involved in special hearing cases work hard to be fair and an employee's supervisor needs to be involved if some kind of action or sanction is imposed. Leiter reminded the Committee that the focus of the cases needs to be kept on the employment situation. Woodman suggested that Strickman be invited to an Executive Committee meeting to discuss her suggestion further.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in 201 Administration. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Sheila Purdum, Secretary.