

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Present:** Bradford, Fech, Flowers, Ledder, Lindquist, Prochaska Cue, Zimmers

**Absent:** Alloway, Bolin, Hachtmann, LaCost, Moeller, Rapkin,

**Date:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008

**Location:** Faculty Senate Office, 420 University Terrace

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

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### 1.0 Call to Order

Bradford called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

### 2.0 Announcements

No announcements were made.

### 3.0 Approval of 3/12/08 Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes as amended.

### 4.0 Unfinished Business

#### 4.1 Draft Sustainability Commission Syllabus

Bradford reported that he and Solheim worked on the draft syllabus together and it has been reviewed by Associate to the Chancellor Poser. He pointed out that the Chancellor might want to make some minor changes to the syllabus. He stated that the Chancellor wanted to include the educational function under responsibilities which might make getting grants easier.

Bradford noted that there is a motion in the Senate to request that the Chancellor appoint a Sustainability Commission. ASUN will be voting on a similar motion.

#### 4.2 Draft Motion on Diversity Committee Report

Bradford reported that Rapkin would like to have the Executive Committee approve the comments on the Diversity Committee report. The Committee discussed making some minor revisions to the comments. The Committee approved the comments. The statement will be provided as a handout at the April 1<sup>st</sup> Senate meeting.

#### 4.3 Update on Senate Elections

Griffin reported that there are two candidates running for election to the President-Elect, one for Secretary, and six for the Executive Committee. She noted that biographical information on each of the candidates will be sent out to the Senate two weeks prior to the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

## **5.0 New Business**

### **5.1 Faculty Salaries**

Bradford reported that the Board of Regents discussed faculty salaries as compared to our peer groups. He stated that he is considering putting a motion forward calling for the Board to make up the differences in faculty salaries. He noted that he worked with Ledder and together they took into account the changes to the consumer price index over time. He said he also intends to take into account CPI differences for the cities of our peer institutions as well as Lincoln. He pointed out that Lincoln's consumer price index is above average.

Zimmers stated that he would like to see some figures on how many faculty members actually received a 4% increase last year. He pointed out that many faculty members did not receive this percent of increase. He noted that the media's report of the increases makes it seem like everyone gets that amount but in reality this is not what happens. Bradford stated that he will ask Bill Nunez, Director of Institutional Research and Planning, if he can provide this information.

### **6.2 Insurance for Students Studying Abroad**

Griffin stated that a request came into the Faculty Senate Office for the Executive Committee to look into why the insurance for students traveling abroad does not cover the cost of returning a student's body should something happen. Prochaska Cue pointed out that this is something that the University should demand. Bradford noted that this is a good idea. Fech pointed out that from an actuarial standpoint this should not cost much. Bradford stated that he will bring this up with Vice President of Business and Finance Keith Dietze.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Wednesday, April 2nd at 3:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Faculty Senate Office. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Rick Alloway, Secretary.