

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Fech, Franti, Jackson, Lindquist, McCollough, Prochaska-Cue, Rapkin

Absent: Bradford, Hachtmann, LaCost, Ledder, Schubert, Zimmers

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 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.

1.0 Call to Order

Prochaska-Cue called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2.0 Professor Works

2.1 Office of Research Policy on Professional Misconduct

Prochaska-Cue noted that she received an email message from Professor Bryant, Chair of the Academic Rights & Responsibilities Committee (ARRC), about concerns with the Research policy and asking the Senate Executive Committee to look into it. She reported that she and Griffin looked at the Executive Committee minutes from 2005 but could not find anything that stated that the Senate reviewed and voted on the policy. She pointed out that she and Professor Works were both on the Academic Rights & Responsibilities Committee but the ARRC never saw the policy. She asked Professor Works to recount the history about the policy.

Professor Works reported that he was on the drafting committee that worked on revising the ARRC procedures for four years and also served on the ARRC. He was contacted by Vice Chancellor Paul asking if he would explain to Dan Vasgird, who had not yet started his position as Compliance Officer at UNL, what he was going to find here with the ARRC procedures. Professor Works stated that the federal government required that the University do something about its Research policy in order to meet federal regulations regarding investigation of professional misconduct in federally funded research.

Professor Works noted that he and Vice Chancellor Paul came and spoke with the Executive Committee on March 23, 2005 about the Research policy. He stated that they came to speak to the Executive Committee because they realized the Office of Research policy would be complicated. He stated that the Executive Committee was convinced at that meeting how the Research policy would be congruent with UNL procedures. He pointed out that it is not obvious from any single document how the Research policy and ARRC procedures all fit together.

Prochaska-Cue noted that Vice Chancellor Paul, Associate Vice Chancellor Espy, and Compliance Officer Vasgird will be meeting with the Executive Committee on November 5th to discuss the Research policy.

3.0 Announcements

No announcements were made.

4.0 Approval of 10/1/08 Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes as amended.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Survey on Faculty Salaries

Agenda item postponed until next week.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Review of Senate Meeting

The Committee discussed the presentations and subsequent comments made regarding the Nebraska Civil Rights Initiative.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Wednesday, October 15 at 3:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Faculty Senate Office. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and David Rapkin, Secretary.