

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Eccarius, Fech, Franti, Hachtmann, Konecky, LaCost, Lindquist, Prochaska-Cue, Rapkin, Schubert

Absent: Bradford, McCollough, Zimmers

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2009

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

Prochaska-Cue called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

2.0 Interview of Dr. Irma Russell for Dean of Law College

The Committee interviewed Dr. Russell for Dean of Law College.

3.0 Announcements

3.1 State AAUP Meeting

Prochaska-Cue reported that she and Franti attended the state AAUP meeting this past weekend. She noted that Professor Bryant has been challenged to see if a chapter of AAUP at UNL can be reconstituted.

Franti stated that representatives from Nebraska Wesleyan University, UNO, Midland College, and UNK were at the meeting. He reported that one of the topics of discussion was about budget problems. He noted that in the recent past Midland College was having some difficulties with its President. Consequently, a Faculty Senate was formed at Midland and recently a change was made to the College's bylaws to disallow across the board cuts. Any program that is to be cut must be identified and justification must be made for the cut.

3.2 Changes Regarding UNMC Resolution

Prochaska-Cue noted that she made changes to the minutes concerning the UNMC resolution. She pointed out that UNMC has decided not to pursue the resolution. Rapkin asked why the resolution was rescinded. Prochaska-Cue stated that she was unsure as to the exact reason. LaCost noted that the resolution was very mild and just stated that the University should adhere to the current federal and state restrictions on stem cell research.

4.0 Approval of 3/25/09 Minutes

LaCost moved to approve the minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Konecky. Motion approved.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Executive Committee Report

The Committee finished making revisions to the Executive Committee Report. Prochaska-Cue suggested including the recommendation that the Senate maintain active participation in potential budget cuts. Prochaska-Cue noted that it will be distributed to the Senate for the April 7th meeting.

5.2 Executive Committee Elections

The Committee continued working on identifying candidates to run for election to the Executive Committee.

5.3 Ad Hoc Committee on Research Misconduct Policy

Lindquist stated that the idea is to present a motion to rescind both the Academic Rights & Responsibilities Committee's procedures for Professional Misconduct B (PC-B) and the Office of Research's policy on Misconduct in Research and replace the documents with the newly created Policy and Procedures for Responding to Allegations of Research Misconduct. He suggested that the motion come from the Executive Committee since it created the ad hoc committee.

Prochaska-Cue asked if there were any points of concern with the new document. Lindquist stated that the formalities have been removed from the current documents but all of the protections of the faculty have been kept. He noted that selection of the investigative committee has been changed. He stated that basically, the two current documents have been melded but with some changes.

Franti asked if changes are likely to occur in the draft document before the Senate is able to vote on it at the April 28th meeting. Lindquist stated that minor changes could be made, but that substantive changes would likely delay the vote until fall semester.

LaCost reported that one of the major changes is the inclusion of an ARRC observer throughout the process. She noted that the ARRC has an overseeing part from beginning to end during an investigation, but no voting rights.

Lindquist stated that there are some similarities to the PC-B procedures in the new document. He noted that the Office of Research will appoint people to serve on the investigative committee but in consultation with the ARRC. He pointed out that federal regulations call for a three step process while the PC-B has a two step process.

Franti asked if approval from the Board of Regents and the federal government will still be needed after the Senate approves it. Lindquist stated that both of these approvals will be needed before the document can be put into place.

Franti stated that he has confidence in the subcommittee that worked on the document and moved that the Executive Committee present a resolution to rescind the current

documents and replace them with the newly created document. Fech seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Prochaska-Cue thanked Lindquist, LaCost, and Shea for all of their work on the ad hoc committee.

5.4 Update on ACE Courses

Hachtmann reported that the ACE committee has been meeting frequently to complete approval of the last round of ACE courses that will be listed in the fall bulletin of classes. She noted that more than 400 courses have been approved. She pointed out that other ACE courses can be approved later but they will not be printed in the fall bulletin.

Fech asked if any colleges were lagging behind. Hachtmann stated that no college is really behind but several of the outcomes do not have as many courses as originally hoped. She stated that they are: outcome two, which is about communications; outcome eight, which is ethical principles, civics and stewardship; and outcome nine which is about global awareness and diversity. She stated that there is a website that has an analysis of seat limits and enrollment for all ACE certified courses that were offered in the first semester of 2008-09 (<http://ace.unl.edu/ACESeatAnalysis.shtml>).

The Committee noted that there will be a subcommittee of the University Curriculum Committee in the future to deal with ACE course approvals.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Wednesday, April 8th 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.