EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Konecky, Lee, Leiter, Purcell, Reisbig, Rudy, Steffen, Vakilzadian, Woodman

Absent: Bender, Dawes, Fech, Hanrahan

Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2016

Location: 203 Alexander

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
Woodman called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

2.0 Announcements
2.1 Meeting of Search Committees for Executive Vice Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of IANR
Woodman reported that the search committees for the Executive Vice Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor of IANR will both be meeting on August 15 with the goal to narrow down the list of applicants to 10 candidates.

3.0 Approval of July 5, 2016 and July 19, 2016 Minutes
Leiter moved for approval of the revised July 5, 2016 minutes. Motion seconded by Konecky and approved by the Executive Committee.

Konecky moved for approval of the revised July 19, 2016 minutes. Motion seconded by Reisbig and approved by the Executive Committee.

4.0 Unfinished Business
4.1 UNL Bylaws – Review Proposed Revisions
The Executive Committee continued working on proposing further revisions to the UNL Bylaws.

4.2 Committee to Work on Defining Terms for Title IX Procedures
Woodman reported that Bender agreed to work on a committee to help clearly define terms like academic freedom and free speech to help educate the campus community. Leiter and Purcell also volunteered to serve on the committee. Woodman noted that Susan Foster, Assistant to the Chancellor, Institutional Equity and Compliance, agreed to be on the committee.
5.0 New Business

5.1 Report on Board of Regents Meeting
Woodman reported that the Canvas project to replace the Blackboard learning
management system has been approved by the Board of Regents and in two years we will
be fully operating with Canvas. He noted that both Regent Hawks and Student Regent
Davlin, UNO, spoke very highly of Canvas. He stated that Unizen is not fully up and
running yet.

Lee stated that he heard Canvas is more complicated than Blackboard. Leiter pointed out
that the people who participated in the pilot program were self-selected and hated
Blackboard so they may have a somewhat biased opinion on Canvas. Lee said that the
students seem to like Canvas because it works well on mobile devices. Woodman stated
that he used Canvas for his class and noted that having knowledge of Blackboard was
helpful in learning how to create things in Canvas. He said that he is confident that once
people use Canvas a few times they will like it.

Woodman reported that the next Board of Regents meeting will be held in September.

5.2 COIA Letter Banning Student-Athletes Involved in Violent Crimes
Woodman reported that the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) is seeking
support of a letter the Coalition wrote endorsing a petition to ban student-athletes who
have committed violent acts from participating in intercollegiate athletics. Rudy
questioned whether there would be the same level of accountability for all students.
Leiter pointed out that he appreciates the sentiment of the letter, but it is very vague and
there is the issue of who the appropriate body would be to investigate criminal activities.

Lee stated that it is his understanding that if a student-athlete at UNL commits a violent
criminal act while a student they cannot participate in sports. He pointed out that this
letter is unclear on whether past violent criminal acts would ban a student from
participating in intercollegiate sports. Konecky pointed out that at UNL if a student-
athlete commits a violent crime actions would be taken. She suggested asking Professor
Potuto, UNL’s Faculty Representative to the Big Ten, what steps are taken here if a
student-athlete commits a violent crime. She said it might be good for the Executive
Committee to meet with Professor Potuto and Dean Hecker to discuss this issue.

Woodman noted that all students must abide by the Student Code of Conduct and some
procedures are in place to deal with students who violate the Code. Rudy stated that one
of the problems with student-athletes who commit a violation is that at most universities
the coaches adjudicate the punishment.

5.3 Upcoming Senate Redistricting
Griffin reported that inquiries have been made to have the 4-H Youth Development
Program identified as a Faculty Senate district. She noted that the Program is identified
on the IANR website as an IANR Program Unit. However, current Senate bylaws state
that departments, not programs, have representation on the Senate. She asked whether
the unit should be included in the upcoming Senate redistricting. She pointed out that the Senate would need to approve adding the unit as a Senate district.

Leiter asked if the unit wants to have a representative on the Senate. Purcell stated that they do want representation and several faculty members have indicated interest in serving.

Griffin noted that years ago 4-H faculty members were included in other departments, but with growth and restructuring they now have their own unit with a number of faculty members. Woodman stated that if the unit was added the faculty would need to be identified in a way so that they do not get included in existing departments. Steffen questioned why they aren’t considered part of a center or district and suggested that this is a question for Dean Hibberd.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in 203 Alexander Building. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Allison Reisbig, Secretary.