

FACULTY SENATE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, May 10, 2016

TIME: 2:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 203 Alexander

Attending: Woodman, Steffen, Leiter, Vakilzadian, Fech, Konecky, Lee, Hanrahan,
Woodman, Dawes

Absent: Bender, Reisbig, Purcell, Griffin

1.0 Call (*Woodman*)

Woodman called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

**2.0 Interim SVCAA Marjorie Kostelnik/Interim VC Ron Yoder
(Interim SVCAA Kostelnik was unable to attend the meeting)**

2.1 Priorities for the next year

Yoder reported that work will continue on existing initiatives for the next eight months.

2.2 New faculty line priorities

Yoder reported that departments are being engaged in discussions about cluster hires in six priority areas. He stated that IANR is now in phase 3 of the process.

2.3 APC review guidelines for IANR

Yoder stated that the APC Review Guidelines are reviewed and possibly revised every 10 years. In the past administrators have been embedded into the review teams, but IANR guidelines have now have been brought into consistency with all other UNL units.

Lee asked about previous experience with USDA being involved in the process. Yoder stated USDA is no longer involved. Yoder reported that recent changes to the APC academic program review guidelines state that department chairs and administrators are not to be a member of the external review team.

2.4 5% tax report.

Yoder stated that all monies are pooled, and then requests from all units are gathered. Administrators then evaluate requests and allocate the funds. Priority has been given to deferred maintenance requests. Preference is given to units with IANR mission. Woodman asked if the faculty was involved in the process, and Yoder stated no, unit heads were notified. Yoder suggested that perhaps it would be better to have faculty members involved. Rudy asked about whether revenue projections were stable compared to last year. Yoder explained that commodity prices might create negative balances in some years, but units will not be asked to make up a negative balance.

Rudy asked what Faculty Senate can do to assist Yoder over the next eight months. Yoder stated, that communicating with him would be helpful.

3.0 Announcements

3.1 Administrative Searches

Woodman stated that he would be part of the SVCAA search, and the VC of IANR search would include Purcell and former Executive Committee member Joeckel. The SVCAA will have a new title to reflect position as Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost. This change in title will require some amendment of the Regent's bylaws.

Lee questioned the lack of transparency in cluster hires and the allocation of faculty lines that have been an on-going issue in IANR. He suggested that this may be topic of discussion for the VC of IANR searches. Steffen suggested that it would also be appropriate to ask Interim SVCAA Kostelnik about allocation of lines when she meets with Executive Committee.

Woodman asked if any of the communication from Chancellor-Elect Green indicated if the interim positions would be candidates for the permanent positions. Rudy stated that Interim SVCAA Kostelnik's communication to CEHS indicated she intended to return to CEHS in January.

Leiter reported that Chancellor-Elect Green wants to conduct a mid-year search for the Law school dean, but the Interim Dean wishes for an immediate search and currently the Chancellor-Elect and Interim Dean are negotiating this time line.

Dawes reported that a colleague has said that the Architecture dean search committee would meet next week.

3.2 Athletics Department Recognition of Academic Achievements during Graduation Ceremony

Lee asked Rudy about the status of student athletes wearing an athletic medallion indicating academic achievement to their academic regalia. Rudy stated that he shared the conversation with University Registrar Rich Morrell and that the item would be discussed at the next Honors and Commencement Committee meeting.

4.0 Approval of April 19, 2016 Minutes

Vakilzadian moved for approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dawes and approved with all in favor except for abstentions from Hanrahan, Fech, and Leiter.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Dean of Architecture search

Woodman stated that he was unsure of the feedback from the Executive Committee to the search committee.

6.0 New Business

Discussion conducted off the record regarding Title IX issues at UNL. The Executive Committee agreed that this should be a topic for discussion with Chancellor-Elect Green, as Title IX investigations may be impinging on faculty rights and responsibilities. Topics would be how to inform faculty of how investigations are conducted and what recourse a faculty member has after an investigation. Konecky suggested that we invite Susan Foster to an Executive Committee meeting to meet with new members.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 24 at 2:30 in 203 Alexander Building. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Jeff Rudy, Executive Committee member.