

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Fech, Hanrahan, Konecky, Leiter, Peterson, Purcell, Rudy

Absent: Adenwalla, Belli, Dawes, Lee, Vakilzadian, Woodman

Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Location: 203 Alexander Building

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 (*Purcell*)

Purcell called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

2.0 VC Boehm

2.1 Result of Investigation into Extension Educator Salary Discrepancies

VC Boehm reported that he is still investigating the findings in the Faculty Compensation report on Gender Pay Inequity within Extension, and is trying to do a trend analysis with the data. He commented that he is having difficulty getting the appropriate data, but he discovered that UNL still has access to the AAU Data Exchange information. VC Boehm stated that he plans to meet with the Faculty Compensation Advisory Committee and Dean Hibberd once he has more information.

2.2 IANR Budget Response

VC Boehm reported that Chancellor Green has just received budget reduction numbers from President Bounds, which currently is \$15 million dollars over the biennium, depending though on: 1) future enrollment figures, 2) the planned tuition increase and 3) the implementation of the recommendations from the Budget Response Teams. He noted that the Budget Response Teams identified \$30 million savings out of \$45 million. He added that centralizing functions, such as ITS and Human Resources, will have different effects on the budgets at each campus.

VC Boehm emphasized that IANR is not being separated from the UNL system in response to the budget cuts. He noted that UNL is also working on strategic planning and as part of that effort, he is having conversations with the Deans and Directors, strategically reviewing programs and academic efforts which have already resulted in some “pull backs” and reductions.

2.2 What is coming online at Innovation Campus?

VC Boehm reported that Nebraska Innovation Campus Development Corporation (NICDC) has commissioned a study of the economic development of the state and NIC will be breaking ground on the Phase II development. He added that another corporate entity has decided to rent space and the Food Processing Center has opened in the Food Innovation Center.

2.4 Strategy for Identifying a Candidate to Fill the Unique Role of Dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences

VC Boehm reported that the Dean of CASNR and the Dean of CEHS positions will be conducted as national searches. He commented that the combined College of Education and Human Sciences is unusual but not unique.

2.5 CYT Library and Other East Campus Facilities update

VC Boehm reported that the Veterinary Diagnostic Center has opened, and he expects a significant increase in the sample flow due to the new Lincoln Costco store, which will be processing a large volume of poultry. He noted that the Massengale Residence Hall will open in August, which will allow the Burr and Fedde buildings to be removed. He added that a study on the East Campus Union has been commissioned.

VC Boehm reported that there had been a generous gift from a donor in Omaha for the CYT Library renovation and they are currently seeking the needed matching funds. He noted that Miller Hall would be removed as part of the project. VC Boehm stated that there are plans to move the Ruth Staples Child Development Lab and Marriage and Family Counseling into a combined building on the Burr Hall site.

2.6 Concerns of class absences for extra- and co-curricular activities

Peterson explained that this question stems from non-athlete students participating in co-curricular activities such as livestock judging and meat judging which results in missing 15 days of class. Peterson added that upon investigation, the students actually miss 6 days of T/Th courses and 9 days of M/W/F courses which puts them in line with the requirement for athletic scheduling of no more than 20% missed classes. Woodman commented that this issue should be addressed in the course attendance policy. He added that attendance in his courses is extremely important and, for students with similar co-curricular conflicts, he has recommended that they choose to take his course in a different semester.

2.7 Issues on the Horizon

VC Boehm reported that he wants to develop a more engaged East Campus, and has been talking with different East Campus entities, such as the College of Law, Veterinary Medicine and the College of Dentistry. He commented that they feel isolated rather than integrated into the East Campus. He added that he has been talking with the Children's Zoo for further ideas to activate East Campus for public and campus engagement.

3.0 Announcements

3.1 New Faculty Orientation

Purcell reported that she and Jeff Rudy will host a Faculty Senate booth at the New Faculty Orientation Information Fair on August 16th.

4.0 Approval of July 11, 2017 Minutes

Peterson moved approval of the revised minutes. Motion seconded by Woodman and approved by the Executive Committee.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Executive Committee Comments on Proposed Final Exam Schedule Changes

Purcell reported that the Executive Committee members' comments on the Proposed Final Exam Schedule were compiled and will be forwarded to EVC Plowman as input, not as a committee recommendation. She noted that any proposed change to Finals Week will need to go to UNL's Faculty Senate and Grading Examinations Committee to be discussed and then will need to be voted on by the Faculty Senate. ASUN will need to address a proposed change in Finals Week as well.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Faculty Senate Survey Question #3

Purcell reported that 434 faculty members (68.93% of the total respondents), answered survey question #3, which asked "In light of the budget situation, describe one idea you have for the University of Nebraska–Lincoln to use its resources more wisely." She noted that several themes emerged from the survey comments. The predominant themes related to reducing administration and restructuring, buildings and energy efficiency, benefits, health insurance, travel and travel accounting, faculty support and teaching loads, athletics, and reducing duplication. The committee reviewed the results and discussed how the results should be shared. It was noted that the results will need to be summarized and consolidated before they can be presented at a Faculty Senate meeting for discussion and shared with Administration.

6.2 Agenda Items for EVC Plowman

The Executive Committee identified the following agenda items for its meeting with the EVC on August 8:

- Update on the Finals Week Schedule and Graduation Procedures discussion
- Update on budget reduction - Faculty concerns about the possible elimination of faculty and graduate TA positions, despite the vertical cut focus
- Campus safety issues: 16th and 17th Street changes – What are the plans for street lights, signage and other efforts for Move-in and the start of the school year.
- Response to the report on best practices from the ad hoc committee on non-tenure track faculty, derived from the non-tenure track survey.
- Response to the report from the ad hoc committee on academic integrity.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in 201 Canfield Administration Building. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Joan Latta Konecky, Secretary.