

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Bender, Dawes, Fech, Hanrahan, Konecky, Lee, Purcell, Purdum, Rudy, Steffen, Vakilzadian

Absent: Leiter, Woodman

Date: Tuesday, March 28, 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 2:34 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

2.1 ASUN Referendum on Smoke Free Campus

Rudy reported that ASUN has passed a referendum calling for a smoke free campus with exemptions for the stadium area on football Saturdays and areas outside the Lied Center. He stated that the recommendation to approve the referendum has been given to Chancellor Green for his decision. He noted that the Chancellor's Wellness Committee felt that the campus should go smoke free immediately and not have any exemptions. He stated that Smoke Free Nebraska has been contacted and they will provide free counseling for those who want to quit smoking.

Purcell asked if there was information on how faculty and staff voted. Rudy stated that 55% of those that voted were for a smoke free campus, 20% wanted to keep the current policy, and the remainder did not want any policies at all. He noted that faculty participation was a fraction of the student participation.

3.0 Approval of March 14, 2017 Minutes

Fech moved for approval of the revised minutes. Motion seconded by Dawes and approved by the Executive Committee.

4.0 Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was discussed.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Possible Faculty Survey

Purcell asked the Executive Committee their opinion on the idea to send a brief questionnaire to the faculty to see what they are thinking in regards to how UNL can be more efficient and effective and what benefit, other than salary or parking, would improve their employment at UNL. The Executive Committee then discussed the

questions and suggested revisions. Purcell stated that she will send an updated draft of the questions to the Executive Committee for review.

5.2 Review of Draft Executive Committee Report

Purcell noted that Griffin has drafted the Executive Committee report which is on the agenda for the April 4 Senate meeting. The Committee reviewed and suggested revisions to the report.

5.3 Executive Committee Elections

Griffin reported that Senators have come forward to fill the Executive Committee seats that will become open at the end of April. She stated that biographical information on each of the candidates will be sent out to the Senate on April 11.

5.4 Suspension of Fraternity

Konecky stated that the suspension of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity is being challenged by the Fraternity based on the belief that University policy was not followed in the investigation. She pointed out that she has served on the Student Conduct Board (formerly known as the University Judicial Board) for many years and violations of Student Code of Conduct were brought before the Board, but the recent suspension case did not go to the Board. She questioned what the relationship is between Title IX procedures and the University's judicial process. The Executive Committee agreed to ask the Chancellor about this issue when it meets with him on April 11.

5.5 Possible Ad Hoc Committee to Work on Amendments to UNL Bylaws

Hanrahan noted that a number of Senators have come forward to suggest ways to handle the numerous proposed amendments to the UNL Bylaws. Rudy suggested that there be an ad hoc committee to work on how additional proposed amendments can be handled. Griffin suggested establishing the ad hoc committee after the Board of Regents have approved the changes that were proposed at the March 7 Senate meeting. She noted that the Chancellor, President Bounds, General Counsel, and the Board of Regents will all need to review and approve any changes and it might be better for the ad hoc committee to work on the most recently approved Bylaws.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the City Campus Union, Auditorium. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Sheila Purdum, Secretary.