EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Dawes, Fech, Hanrahan, Latta Konecky, Lee, Leiter, Peterson, Purcell, Rudy, Vakilzadian, Woodman

Absent: Adenwalla, Belli

Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Location: East Campus Union, Arbor Suite

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 4:10 p.m.

2.0 Announcements
2.1 Gas Leak in Manter Hall
Woodman reported that on Friday there was a gas leak in Manter Hall, but no alarms went off in the building and the only way people knew of the problem was through a UNL Alert text message. He pointed out that people often don’t look at their text, especially when teaching a class, and were not aware that the building was to be evacuated. The Executive Committee recommended that Purcell send a message to UNL Campus Police to alert them to the problem and to ask that steps be taken to ensure that building alarms are triggered when an imminent safety concern exists.

2.2 Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Rights
Woodman reported that in addition to himself and Leiter, five Senators have volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. He stated that these faculty members are: Ray Hames, Anthropology; Bill Glider, School of Biological Sciences; Jerry Renaud, College of Journalism and Mass Communications; Rodrigo Franco Cruz, School of Veterinary & Biomedical Sciences; and Rigoberto Guevara, Modern Languages & Literature.

2.3 Fall Meeting of Faculty Compensation Advisory Committee
Woodman reported that the FCAC will be meeting sometime in mid- to late November.

3.0 Approval of September 26, 2017 Minutes
Peterson moved for approval of the revised minutes. Motion seconded by Vakilzadian and approved by the Executive Committee.

4.0 Unfinished Business
No unfinished business was discussed.
5.0 New Business

5.1 Agenda Items for Chancellor Green/EVC Plowman/VC Boehm
The Executive Committee identified the following agenda items for the Chancellor, EVC, and VC:

- Free Speech:
  What Due Process was used to Reassign Faculty Member?
  Response to AAUP Letter
  What is the status of the draft Freedom of Speech Document?
  How Can Faculty Manage Political Issues?
- Update on Dean of Students position
- Budget/salary plans
- Reorganization of life sciences task force and possible changes to Computer Engineering programs?
- Initiatives to Address Risky Behaviors in Greek Houses
- Vacation Carryover Reduction Plan

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in 201 Canfield Administration. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Joan Latta Konecky, Secretary.