

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Adenwalla, Belli, Buan, Franco Cruz, Dawes, Fech, Hanrahan, Leiter, Renaud, Rudy, Vakilzadian

Absent: Peterson, Purcell

Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Location: East Campus Union, Great Plains Room

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 (*Rudy*)

Rudy called the meeting to order at 3:51 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

3.1 Interview of Dean of Engineering Candidates

Rudy reminded the Executive Committee that it is scheduled to interview the candidates for the Dean of Engineering on Thursday, April 26.

Rudy also said that the Committee is scheduled to interview two candidates for the Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Graduate Education on May 8 and May 9 and noted that information on these two candidates is forthcoming.

3.0 Approval of April 17, 2018 Minutes

Vakilzadian moved for approval of the revised minutes. Motion seconded by Leiter and approved by the Executive Committee.

4.0 Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was discussed.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Discussion on Academic Planning Committee Meeting and chancellor's Proposed Budget Cuts

Rudy noted that members of the Executive Committee attended the Academic Planning Committee meeting to hear the Chancellor's proposed budget cuts. Vakilzadian questioned whether the \$309,751 funding from academic efficiencies made through the Executive Vice Chancellor/Academic Affairs office are recurring funds that are renewed each year or whether this is one-time money. He noted that EVC Plowman reported that these funds are used for future faculty hiring commitments.

Fech reported that Associate VC Yoder of IANR said that IANR was happy to absorb the Statistics faculty from Arts & Sciences. He noted that in the past the faculty members in

Statistics were split 50/50 between IANR and Arts & Sciences, but in recent years most of them have been with IANR.

Adenwalla stated that a concern with the proposed budget cuts is the recurring theme of strengthening IANR by cutting programs out of Arts & Sciences.

5.2 Computer Science and Engineering

Adenwalla reported that EVC Plowman held a Town Hall meeting for the College of Arts & Sciences and the issue of concern over suggestions to move Computer Science & Engineering out of the College was raised numerous times. Rudy stated that he is receiving letters from faculty members of the Computer Science and Engineering department concerned with the suggestions that are being made. Adenwalla pointed out that the administration needs to respect the research work of the faculty in that department, many of whom are involved with algorithms and this does not align with the College of Engineering. Belli suggested that it might be more beneficial to split the department into two, with one department in each college, based on the research work of the faculty.

5.3 Summer Executive Committee Schedule

Rudy noted that the Executive Committee will meet next week, but following that meeting it will go into its summer schedule and meet only every other week.

5.4 Questions for Candidates for Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Graduate Education

Rudy reported that the Executive Committee will be interviewing two candidates for the Associate VC and Dean of Graduate Education position on May 8th and 9th. He asked the Committee to consider questions for the candidates so a list of questions can be prepared at next week's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in 203 Alexander Building. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Lorna Dawes, Secretary.