

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: **Bearnes, Boudreau, Dawes, Kopocis, Lott, Minter, Shrader, Tschetter, Zuckerman**

Absent: **Baesu, Eklund, Paul, Vakilzadian**

Date: **Tuesday, June 27, 2023**

Location: **201 Canfield Administration 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 (*Kopocis*)

Kopocis called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

2.0 Last Meeting with Chancellor Green

The Executive Committee had a casual meeting with Chancellor Green eating cookies and discussing various items such as the upcoming challenges the university is facing. He urged the Committee to welcome new Chancellor Bennett and to establish a good working relationship with him.

3.0 Approval of June 13, 2023 Minutes

Kopocis asked if there were any revisions to the minutes. Hearing none she asked for approval of the minutes. Minter moved for approval of the minutes and the motion was seconded by Tschetter and then approved by the Executive Committee.

4.0 Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was discussed.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Report on Board of Regents Meeting

Kopocis reported that prior to the Board of Regents meeting President Carter reached out to her for a brief meeting where he talked about the plan to combine the research components of UNL and UNMC. She stated that during the meeting President Carter said that there would be greater transparency with the faculty and that he was planning on creating an Executive Council which would include leadership from each of the campuses as well as each of the Faculty Senate Presidents.

Kopocis stated that after the Board meeting the Faculty Senate Presidents met with Vice Presidents for External Relations Heath Mello and Erin Cooper who noted that during the last legislative session quite a few faculty members spoke to the State Legislature. She pointed out that it is a faculty/staff member’s prerogative to speak to the Legislature as a private citizen, but Mello and Cooper wanted to stress that a university employee should not state that they are from the University when they are speaking as a private citizen.

She reported that Mello and Cooper stated that there is a document on the UNMC website that provides guidance for employees if they plan on speaking to the State Legislature and they asked the other campuses to have a similar document on their website. Dawes pointed out that employees should not use university equipment or letterhead when contacting a member of the Legislature as a private citizen. Bearnes noted that Nebraska Extension has a similar protocol that was developed with the help of Michelle Waite and Heath Mello.

Kopocis asked if anyone on the Executive Committee would be interested in drafting a document for the UNL webpage. Lott, Zuckerman, Shrader, and Bearnes volunteered. Zuckerman noted that it would be helpful if there was a media training course or workshop on how faculty can use media to show or discuss their expertise.

5.2 Agenda Items for Executive Vice Chancellor Ankerson

The Executive Committee identified the following agenda items for EVC Ankerson:

Summer Sessions Enrollment and update on Fall Enrollment. Have we seen impacts of the summer sessions courses and on-campus activities from the January term?

What are your strategies for dealing with President Carter's 5-point plan and his idea of a zero-based budget?

Update on searches: Dean of Libraries, Associate VC of ASEM. What happened with the VC of Student Affairs search?

Status of the Professional Code of Conduct

Status of Guidelines for Evaluation of Faculty

What has AVC Shriner been working on?

Where is the report from Ruffalo Noel Levitz?

What is the status regarding classes on August 30?

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Nebraska Union, Big Ten Conference Room. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Signe Boudreau, Secretary.