

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Baesu, Bearnes, Boudreau, Dawes, Eklund, Kopocis, Lott, Minter, Paul, Shradler, Tschetter, Vakilzadian, Zuckerman

Absent:

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023

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 (*Kopocis*)

Kopocis called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

2.1 President Search Advisory Committee

Kopocis reported that she received an announcement calling for nominations for the President's Search Advisory Committee. She noted that she nominated herself and stressed in her nomination that the President, or President-Elect, from each of the four campuses need to be represented on the search advisory committee.

2.2 AVC Search Advisory Committee

Minter reported that she will be serving on the search advisory committee for a new AVC for Faculty and Academic Affairs. She noted that this will be an internal search.

3.0 Approval of September 12, 2023 Minutes

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

4.0 Unfinished Business

4.1 Executive Committee Goals for 2023-2024

The Executive Committee completed revising the goals for 2023-2024. The goals will be given to the Faculty Senate at its next meeting.

4.2 Update on Legislative Engagement Language

The Executive Committee reviewed the draft of the Faculty Senate Guidance on Public Advocacy. The Committee thanked Zuckerman for her efforts in creating the draft document and noted that the document helps to define how faculty members can speak as a private citizen, as an expert in their field, or when speaking on behalf of the university when speaking to the Legislature. She pointed out that the purpose of the document needs to be written and further edits are needed for the Faculty Speech as Service section. The Committee agreed that the purpose of the document is to provide guidance for

faculty members in engagement with the legislature and other governmental bodies. There was discussion whether the purpose section should include a recommendation for faculty members to check with their individual units and colleges to see if there are additional protocols that should be followed. Zuckerman pointed out that faculty members do not need to check with their units or colleges when they are speaking as a private citizen. Shrader moved that the edited version of the document be sent to AVC Walker for her input. Tschetter seconded the motion which was then approved by the Executive Committee.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Agenda Items for Chancellor Bennett and VC Boehm

The Executive Committee identified the following agenda items for Chancellor Bennett and VC Boehm.

- Has any information been provided by Central Administration yet on the actual numbers for UNL's budget reductions.
- Has the Big Ten Council of Presidents and Chancellors voted on whether to accept the President of the University of Nebraska as a member of the Council since he removed the Chancellor of UNL as overseeing UNL Athletics.
- The Executive Committee has concerns about the move of UNL Athletics to Central Administration and the Committee would like to know where this change stands.
- Is it possible to have green-card sponsorship for non-tenure track Extension Educators?

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in 201 Canfield Administration Building. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Signe Boudreau, Secretary.