

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Baesu, Bearnese, Boudreau, Bourne, Dawes, Eklund, Kopocis, Lott, Minter, Shradler, Vakilzadian, Zuckerman

Absent: Tschetter

Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Location: East Campus Union, Great Plains Room A

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 3:59 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

2.1 Chancellor's Leadership Meeting

Kopocis announced that the Chancellor is holding a meeting February 15, the University's Charter Day, for approximately 100 university leaders. She noted that she will be attending the meeting representing the UNL Faculty Senate.

2.2 Email Message from UNK Faculty Senate President

Kopocis reported that she received an email message from Professor Exstrom, UNK Faculty Senate President, stating that he has learned that UNK will not be receiving any portion of its rescission from Central Administration and inquired if this is also true for UNL. Kopocis stated that she has not received any information about UNL's rescission.

2.3 Impacts of Inclusion of USC, UCLA, Oregon, and Washington into the Big Ten Conference

Eklund reported that he has made an inquiry to Professor Barber, Chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, whether student-athletes will be missing more class days once USC, UCLA, Oregon, and Washington are added to the Big 10 Conference. He noted that he will report back to the Executive Committee when he receives a reply.

3.0 Approval of January 31, 2024, Minutes

Kopocis asked if there were any further revisions to the minutes. Hearing none she asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Vakilzadian moved and Minter seconded approving the minutes. Motion approved by the Executive Committee.

4.0 Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was discussed.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Faculty Senate Meeting Format

The Executive Committee discussed whether hybrid meetings should continue in the fall for those faculty members who are located on the UNL campus. Vakilzadian noted that attending the meetings in person allows the faculty member to network with others that they would normally not meet. Boudreau pointed out that out of the approximately 50 people on Zoom during today's Senate meeting, only four had their cameras turned on for the meeting. Griffin stated that having more faculty members in-person creates a more solidified presence, particularly when the Chancellor is speaking. Shrader questioned how there can be better engagement with those attending the meeting by Zoom. The Executive Committee discussed ideas of how to get more engagement from those faculty members on Zoom. The Committee wondered how the room could be arranged to help accommodate greater engagement. The Committee agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in 203 Alexander Building. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Signe Boudreau, Secretary.