The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 in Schofield Hall, Room 202.

1. Minutes of April 6, 2004 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   - At academic staff reps meeting, system administration discussed perception of legislators in regard to budget cuts
     - Is feeling *don’t cut us more because we can help you* approach not working; legislators and public not seeing problems stemming from cuts
     - Need to talk about how cuts are affecting students (pain project)
     - No strong consensus among chancellors that focusing on pain will work; would like to continue stressing why university is good for state
     - Chancellors meeting Friday morning; chancellor to report on issue at next senate meeting
   - Next phase of riverbank project to begin right after spring commencement

3. Review of tentative agenda for April 27, 2004 meeting of University Senate
   - Only one senate meeting remains after April 27th meeting
     - If important business not finished, could call special meeting during finals week

MOVED by Senator Phillips and seconded that order of unfinished business be changed to start with post-tenure review salary adjustment.

Motion PASSED.

4. Review of Senate Survey 2004
   - Consensus to send survey out with agenda after adding interest paragraph on Academic Staff Representative

5. Review term lengths of nominating committee members
   - Requested by faculty member at University Faculty meeting that possibility of two-year terms for nominating committee members be examined to aid in consistency of work done by those committees

MOVED by Senator Phillips and seconded that the term of membership on nominating committees be increased to two years as outlined in handout.

Motion PASSED by vote of 10 for, 0 against. Committee will forward to senate next session.
6. Review of terminology used in senate motions
   • Wording of motions coming forward from committees often say *recommends to University Senate that* ...
     • Stated in this manner on report form used by committee chairs
     • Not always clarified as to who votes on various motions until time of vote – not always easy decision
   • Consensus of committee to change report/motion form to indicate committee *moves*
     • Senate chair to announce ruling as to who will vote on motion when repeating motion being placed on senate floor
     • As with any ruling of the chair, members may appeal decision if disagree
     • Members of senate not able to vote on particular motion do have right to request a vote be taken and forwarded to the chancellor for his information
     • Discussion includes all members whether or not they can vote

7. Miscellaneous Business
   • Extra personal day as part of parity plan still being discussed – should know something soon
   • Consultation with chancellor on senate action on post-tenure review to be held after next Executive Committee meeting
     • Will not affect motion being voted on in senate next week

8. Announcements – None

Meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

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