The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Wood at 3:07 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 in the Alumni Room of Davies Center.

1. Minutes of May 13, 2008 and June 17, 2008 approved as distributed

2. Open Forum
   - No business discussed

3. New Business
   A. Confirmation of ORSP Committee Appointments
      - Appointments needed due to members stepping down and expired terms
      - Alternates would be brought to the Executive Committee
      - Some members would like to continue, although their terms are expired
      - Due to the Chair stepping down the rest of the committee was asked to stay for another term
      - All were willing to stay for another term, with the exception of one who will stay for an additional year
      - Senator Harrison recommended alternating when terms would expire
      - Executive Committee approved appointments as outlined

4. Discussion of PEEQ Process
   - PEEQ brought to the Academic Policies Committee
   - Went over rationale
   - Had many good questions
   - APC voted for its endorsement and the desire to continue to be involved
   - Will come back to APC in October to see the final project as it goes forward
   - PEEQ at University Senate
   - Nothing to go forward to the full Senate until after the October APC meeting
   - Will not pose a threat if not brought forward at this time
   - Recommendation to take it to the full Senate as a heads up and make them aware of what is to come
   - Could provide timelines and indicate that the rest is on the web
   - There will be plenty of comment time coming forward
   - Budget Task Force
   - Budget Process and Gold Arrows are set
   - Timelines fast approaching
   - Need to figure out how to set deadlines for each division
   - Turnaround time on these are much shorter
   - This is a future budget
   - If looking for funding you are more likely to get it if you are also looking at other sources

5. Discussion of Order of Business for the 45th Session of University Senate
   - Consensus reached to keep order of business same as last year
6. Discussion of Senate Session Goals
   - Chair would like to see
     - Larger goals for Senate as a whole
     - Drastically alter how Senate is structured
     - Look at procedures, committees and committee sizes
     - Look at different ways to hold meetings
     - Explore the possibility of creating a Faculty committee and an Academic Staff committee then meet once a month as a whole Senate
     - Not opposed to a once a month meeting
     - Think of meetings in a more strategic way
   - Handbook
     - Over the summer various people have volunteered their time to look at the handbook
     - Think about re-envisioning how our handbook is presented
     - On-line handbook could be reorganized
     - In past years, each committee was asked to look at how their committees outline was written in the handbook
     - At one time, a professional was hired to reorganize the handbook but his suggestions were not adopted
     - Outline too hard to follow
     - It is confusing
     - The handbook repeats itself
     - Chair is working on creating a proposal

7. Discussion of Budget Committee and possible motion
   - Last year elections were suspended for 3 committees
   - Too many vacancies on committees with too few Senators
   - Will take up with Senate next week and ask them to sit on at least one committee
   - May be a good idea to simplify and streamline committees
   - One of the committees was postponed so the Chancellor could constitute a Budget Process Task Force for one year
   - Senate’s assumption was to then look at how governance can now play a more active role in looking at the budget every year in a way that the former Budget Committee was never able to do
   - Could hold an election at the 2nd University Senate meeting
   - Proposal to the University Senate at the next meeting to repopulate the Budget Committee so they can reexamine how they do business
   - At the first University meeting explain it, state why it is important to think about it again and then ask for interest and then have an election at the second University Senate meeting

MOTION by Senator Gapko that the University Senate hold the postponed election to populate the Budget Committee at its second meeting of the 45th session on September 23, 2008 seconded and PASSED without dissent.

8. Review of tentative agenda for September 9, 2008 meeting of University Senate
   - Approved as distributed with the following changes:
     - Move Motion to Hold Election for the University Senate Budget Committee to New Business
     - Remove Academic Policies Committee currently under New Business
     - Thoughts on election process using clickers
     - Favorable response to clickers
     - Color code the clickers

9. Proposed Topics for September Senate –sponsored Open Discussion
   - Keep it open for what is necessary on campus

10. Announcements
    - A person wants to serve on Senate but has not been at this particular University for 3 semesters
• Without objection, University Senate Executive Committee agrees to allow David Sommers to serve on University Senate

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Submitted by,

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