The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:06 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 in the President’s Room of Davies Center.

1) Minutes of September 20, 2011 approved as distributed

2) Open Forum
   - Chancellor to look into the possibility of having Facilities repaint lines in the Phillips parking lot as it is difficult for one to see where the parking spots actually are
   - Davies Center tour will be postponed until the end of the month
     - Fridays work better in terms of taking a tour as the work crews are primarily working Monday-Thursday
     - Other meetings are already scheduled so may have to work around previously scheduled meetings
   - 11th edition of Robert’s Rules of Order is out and there have been some changes made
   - University Senate Office will most likely purchase 2 copies
   - Honey that was “made” here on campus was passed out for sample
     - Is part of the environmental funds endeavor
     - Bee hives are behind the 3 residential properties we have on Roosevelt
     - Plan on having 3 or 4 more hives next year

3) Review of tentative agenda for October 11, 2011 meeting of University Senate
   - If any committee presents a report we have the right to add it on this agenda
   - Topic of the Day
     - Should be rewritten to be more clear
     - What is or is not working well with personnel practices
     - Have “for example” so it doesn’t keep the conversation limited
     - Also have an “other”
     - This should be the only topic of the day
     - May be a motion coming from the Faculty Rep’s

4) Discussion of Senate website design
   - Discussion postponed for two weeks

5) Review of Executive Committee membership requirements and function
   - Experience of the Chancellor and the Provost is that an Executive Committee is usually constructed/constituted of the committee chairs
     - They also constructed agenda of Senate meeting and referred out issues that came up to other committees
     - Better coordination; Keeps everyone apprised
     - They only met one time per month
     - Chairs of the committees were elected for longer than one year and then there was a succession plan
     - This was talked about a couple of years ago and it makes a lot of sense
     - We have worked really hard to open the communication and would like to keep a real university-wide perspective so may want to look at a type of hybrid of the above
• Committee chairs terms may then have to go for two years
• Right now we have a 10 to 4 focus (faculty to academic staff)
• That is a lot to ask of 7 people but we could also have an additional 7 people
• Like the idea of having an Executive Committee and University Senate meeting once per month
• The down side is the reading of the motions, unless we end up giving more power to the committees
• Would like the possible motion to include any member of the Academic Policies Committee as a liaison
• But do not just want chairs on the Executive Committee
• Many schools do not meet as often as we do
  • We are asking people to attend a lot of meetings for no recognition in most cases
  • Questioning if we are being efficient
  • Time commitment is currently too great and that is why we have some that do not come
• Would not want to make our rules because of the minority
• Like the idea of Academic Policies Committee being represented but the danger of having chairs be on Executive Committee is that the Executive Committee starts doing the work of all those committees
• Should have some representation from other committees but should also have spots for “others”
• Should add another member to the Executive Committee members from Academic Policies Committee
• Some committees are still not populated
  • Assigning people to committees seems like a recipe for disaster as there may be no one on the committee that wants to be there; No one may show up
  • Once we go through two rounds of elections then why can’t there be appointments
    • Could be in consultation and would only be those that are interested
    • If they were interested then they would have already come forward
    • There may have been some on Senate that were on sabbatical that were new to Senate or etc.
• IAS do not get recognition for being on committees and it is increasingly difficult to find IAS that can be on committees so may not be a good idea to make a particular spot for IAS
• Anything functional should be able to be dealt with from within Exec as well as the calendar and being an advisory body but the make-up of any committee should not be allowed to be changed by the committee
  • University-wide committee changes should have to go through University Senate as well
• Committee vacancies should be filled in consultation with the Executive Committee
  • We have never implemented certain sections of our rules and procedures in terms of those that do not show up
  • May want to implement filling a “vacancy” at the request of a committee chair
  • Is a difference in one not showing up because they are on sabbatical or etc. versus just not showing up
• Grievances between faculty and academic staff and vice versa should go to a joint committee to look at those issues
  • Language could come from the Executive Committee or from either Personnel Committee

6) Announcements
• None

7) Consultation with the Chancellor regarding appointment to the UWEC Rep on System Working Group on Compensation. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (c) the committee went into closed session for the purpose of discussing an appointment change.

MOVED and seconded that the committee go into closed session under Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss an appointment change.

Motion PASSED unanimously without objection from the following voting members: Patrick Day, Mitchell Freymiller, Susan Harrison, Paul Kaldjian, Jennifer Lee, Geoff Peterson, Mitra Sadeghpour, Linda Spaeth, Katie Wilson, and Rama Yelkur

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

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