The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 in the President’s Room of Davies Center.

1) Minutes of April 3, 2012 and April 10, 2012 approved as amended
   • Minutes of April 10th to reflect consultation with Administration

2) Open Forum
   • APC, ULEC and UAC
     • Very clear that there is a lack of communication between the committees
     • One suggested idea to resolve this is to have a 3 day retreat and have someone oversee them
     • It had been voiced to the Chair that because ULEC was populated in a different way that this committee is not as important as others
       • Concerns brought up about the way that some committees are populated
       • Was a thought that this should be a US Agenda items if people are upset
       • Retreat idea is good as well
   • Closed Session Breech of Confidence
     • One Executive Committee member thought the nature of the apparent breech was minimal due to the importance of the information that was given to us and was asking something extra ordinary because the nature of the breech, which was not clear, was very minimal given how important that breech was.
     • Faculty and Staff Sick Leave Reporting Process
       • Is problematic if interpreted correctly
       • The instructions are being understood in different ways and the departments are hearing/understanding different things as well
       • Should be discussed at Senate to eliminate confusion and offer questions/answer session

3) Review of tentative agenda for April 24, 2012 meeting of University Senate
   • Under Reports: 2 items
     • Add a link to the copy of instructions for Faculty and Staff Sick Leave Process
     • Continued Discussion on ULEC Report (include the link)
   • Under New Business: Add a First Reading from the Academic Staff Personnel Committee: IAS Promotion Language

4) Continued Discussion on Bylaw Changes
   • Changing the term of the Vice Chair
     • There is a lot more for the Chair position to learn than the Vice Chair
     • Not necessary for the Vice Chair to serve as immediate past Vice-Chair
     • But a Vice-Chair Elect would be helpful
       • Should also be on the Executive Committee during their elect year for training
   • Questioning if the Chair and Vice Chair should both rotate off then the following year have the Faculty and Academic Staff Rep rotate off
     • Right now all 4 terms could expire at the same time
       • Would be difficult if all 4 expired
• Bylaws would reflect that the Faculty and Academic Staff Reps terms would expire in opposite years from the Chair and Vice-Chair
  • If there is a Chair–elect and a Vice Chair–elect they would gain experience the year before they begin their term
    • That is why we have it so there is a smoother transition
    • That should take care of the transition
    • Some do not always get the chance to shadow
  • General consensus to change the word “even” to “odd” for the Reps
• Classified Staff Council does not have any speaking rights
  • Currently the Student Senate has that right
  • Head of Classified Staff Council serves on the cabinet
  • Has valuable insight
  • There is no other avenue for CS to come forward to us
  • They are a council out there with no voice
  • The Chair is right now Bill Hoepner
  • They feel like they have no voice
  • Search & Screen will have 2 classified staff on it
  • Largest employment category on our campus
  • Consensus that it is alright to include
• Nominating Committees
  • Might be a good idea to combine all 3
  • Would help eliminate several calls
  • Might be more effective
  • Separate committees may do a better job
  • If combined could go from 14 to 9 committee members
  • More and more difficulty scheduling meeting so should be kept separate for division of labor
  • Combining them with about 5 members is a better idea
  • Leave the committees alone for now and Chair Harrison will contact the 3 current Nominating Committees and see what input they have

Without objection, this motion will be forwarded to the University Senate, and passed without dissention

5) Announcements
  • None

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by,
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