The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Harrison at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 in the Centennial Room of Davies Center.

1) Minutes of November 6, 2012 approved as distributed

2) Ten-minute Open Forum for any member of Faculty or Academic Staff to speak to the Committee
   - Used Books
     - Comment that it seems unethical to sell for personal gain and they are not comfortable with the book buyers being in the hallways of the school
     - Teresa O’Halloran was asked about this a couple of years ago but she stated that there is nothing that we can do about it
   - Granting of degrees posthumously
     - Guidelines being established for the university
     - Provost has been working with many people/departments to come up with general guidelines
     - This has not been shared with APC but might be helpful if they endorsed it
     - Guidelines makes the process easier
     - A day of remembrance to remember all of our community members who have passed is being looked at as well
     - Also have other options available for recognition as not all are able to get degree recognition

3) Review of tentative agenda for November 27, 2012 meeting of University Senate
   - Permission that the Unfinished Business portion placed after the New Business portion on the agenda to allow adequate time for discussion
     - No objections

4) New Business
   a) Priory Development Taskforce – Katherine Rhoades
      - Katherine Rhoades is chairing a taskforce
      - Membership includes: MJ Brukardt, Quincy Chapman, Mark Reeves, and Troy Terhark
      - Charged with short term and long term goals
        - Short term: group of students occupying the Priory in 2013
          - It will be preliminary group; will help evaluate living facilities
          - Anticipate having 23 students
        - Long term: seek highest and best use for programs that will advance the universities mission
          - Will focus on short term but also revenue generating, sustaining program
        - Have a 15 year lease
        - Hope that property will become part of the university
        - Hoping for website to be up in the next couple of weeks
        - Will be asking for input with a Qualtrics form
        - Comment of a concern that there are no faculty on the taskforce
Now that there is a direction for the Taskforce, not seen as a problem to include faculty
- Would be nice to have an integrative person or an advisory group so could concentrate on the areas of expertise
- Initially, will just be a group of students, not a living/learning environment
- Comment that it would be a nice home for single parents
- Has been suggested to have student workers from the nature academy
- Profit is one part of the equation, rather than the equation
- Is excess revenues
- Want to sustain the property

b) Update on any upcoming administrator searches or administrator reviews
- Administrator review:
  - The only one that was up was Dave Gessner but since he is most likely retiring it likely will not be completed
  - Mike Wick’s will be fall of 2013
  - Bob Knight’s position is not working well in how it was created so will look at restructuring and come back
    - Wide range of possibilities, including functions that could go to the college deans
      - Looking at where functions could better be placed
  - Arts & Sciences Dean
  - Before the start of the spring semester Arts & Sciences will conduct their elections then we will make a public announcement to the campus and then begin a search
  - The current interim Dean will stay on until the position is filled
  - There will be one Dean for the college of Arts & Sciences
  - Has been questions about keeping 3 Associate/Assistant Deans in the College of Arts & Sciences
  - A question on the Mike Wick/Susan Turell position
    - Questioning if splitting into 2 positions is anticipated
      - Is a wide range of possibilities
      - Many want a more enhanced type position
      - Also a thought about taking some of the pieces/functions that could go to the College Deans
  - Watershed Director position has not been made permanent but Chancellor Bousquet stated that this will be check to verify
  - Tim Vaughn just announced for Interim Associate Dean of Business
    - College is looking at possibility of an internal search
  - Registrar candidates have been on campus
  - The Associate Dean of Education will be an internal search
  - CASE search: consulting for what that position should be
    - Looking if it could better be used as part of Health Education, Counseling or Dean of Students
  - Women and LGBTQ position: currently held by Christopher Jorgensen and it is being held for one year then will do a search

c) Language clarifying responsibility for changes in Article Four: University Governance Committees and Councils
- Isn’t too controversial
- No objections to adding this to the US Agenda

d) Request to consider modification of assessment plans process and assessment committee formation
- Director of Assessment was surprised that this had not been presented to the University Assessment Committee or to her, as the director
  - She agrees that faculty do have primary say in what students are learning and are responsible for developing learning outcomes
- No members of the University Assessment Committee are elected; they are appointed
- Would be concerned if this suggestion thought that all the members should be elected
- University Assessment Director has the responsibility of the HLC report
• Maybe a sense of what is motivating this is faculty protection and it would make clear who is responsible for what
• There is always a response to different perceptions
• The uncertainties need to be addressed
• Curious to why the Assessment Director is surprised
• Committee support that this needs to first go to the University Assessment Committee to get input and feedback
  • Needs to be placed on the agenda for discussion of the suggestions
• Would be nice to hear back from everybody involved to acknowledge that this suggestion has been heard

5) Announcements
  • New campus section in the leader telegram

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Submitted by,
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