The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Freymiller at 3:09 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 in the Ojibwe Room of Davies Center.

1) Minutes of September 16, 2014 approved as distributed

2) Open Forum
   - Budget Presentation from Chancellor Schmidt
   - Two Budget Forums coming up
     - Wednesday, October 15, 9:30-10:30 a.m. - Woodland Theater
     - Friday, October 17, 2:30-3:30 p.m. - Woodland Theater
   - Power Point presentation was used to inform the campus of the current budget
   - Enrollment shortfalls
     - We have been consistently losing students over the past several years
     - We recruit enough first year students, but fall short in other areas
   - We need to take a comprehensive look at making our institution more transfer friendly
   - We need to create a broader awareness of what we can do to make campus more attractive to students
   - One major area that we should focus on is asking ourselves if we connect with our students

3) Review of tentative agenda for October 14, 2014 meeting of the University Senate
   - Nominees/changes/additions will be amended as appropriate, otherwise approved
   - Email any questions that you may have for President Cross to Tanya Kenney

4) Senate Committee Reorganization

Moved and seconded that this motion be allowed to the floor for discussion

- Budget Committee language should state “one academic dean selected by the deans of the four Colleges in consultation with the Provost”
- Check consistency in language between faculty representative and academic staff representative
- Pros
  - Reorganization makes it easier to locate committees
  - Membership language is more consistent

Without objection, this motion, with amendments as discussed, will be forwarded to the University Senate
5) **Student Voter Proposed Resolution**
   - Voter verification form is available on the Registration website, not through the clearinghouse.
   - There should be an amendment to have an excused absence rather than canceling classes.
     - It may not be appropriate for the University Senate to support that.
     - Students have all the tools they need to vote right here on campus.
   - Student Senate is working hard to get things set up for voters/registration and to persuade students to vote.
   - Blugold Card Office is creating a card that students will be able to use.
   - Library also has services available and could send out additional information about them.
   - Cannot cancel classes because it might put us below contact hours for classes.
     - Needs to be amended to take out cancellation of classes.
   - Executive Committee could decline to bring this forward, but an individual senator could bring it to the full Senate.
   - Support for the resolution exists even if amendments are made, but we don't want negative political ramifications.

**Motion to decline bringing this forward to the University Senate from the Executive Committee, seconded**

- Discussion
  - Chancellor Schmidt's name should not be used.
  - Is this a faculty motion or a Senate motion because we would want to include academic staff.
  - Amendments could be made prior to sending it to the full Senate.

**Vote on the motion to decline bringing this resolution to the University Senate from the Executive Committee, PASSED by majority**

6) **Discussion of University Senate Representation: Frozen Files**

- We are right on target for where our representation is right now.
  - 60.63% for University Faculty; 39.37% for University Academic Staff.
- No need to adjust Senate membership at this time.

7) **Announcements**

- At the Academic Staff Rep's meeting on 9/26 some representatives had been asked by their HR Directors about university personnel structure.
  - ASPC thinks that it would be important for shared governance to be involved.
  - HR will give feedback on language and then shared governance will look at the policies before they are approved.
  - Expect to be asked for some involvement.
- Green Roof on Centennial Hall
  - Karen Mumford, Watershed Institute for Collaborative Environmental Studies, was contacted and she thought that "greening" the roofs of Centennial Hall was a good idea and that she would like to pursue it together with her students.
- Dr. Denise Gerrish
  - Doing a study on Making College Affordable on campus.
  - She will be observing in public places this entire semester.
  - Is looking for students who are PELL eligible and how they interact with the campus.
- Film crew from Fox network for the Real Winning Edge will be filming here on campus.
- Student Health Services
  - Decision has been made to keep our current Student Health Services system, but with the opportunity to collaborate with local medical partners.

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Submitted by,

Tanya Kenney
Secretary of the University Senate