Faculty Senate Executive Committee Minutes
AUGUST 26, 2013 3:00 P.M.
Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Yanghee Kim (Chair), Dale Barnard, Amy Brown (absent), Richard Clement (excused), Jennifer Duncan, Lyle Holgram (excused), Steven Mansfield, Glenn McEvoy (excused), Jason Olsen, Robert Schmidt, Vincent Wickwar (excused), Doug Jackson-Smith (President Elect), Renee Galliher (Past President), President Stan Albrecht (Ex-Officio), Provost Noelle Cockett (Ex-Officio), Joan Kleinke (Exec. Sec.), Marilyn Atkinson (Assistant), Becki Lawver (Parliamentarian) Guests: Jeff Broadbent, Scott Bates, Richard Inouye, Stephen Bialkowski.

Yanghee Kim called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
There were no changes to the minutes of April 15, 2013, as such the minutes stand approved.

Announcements
- Calendar – The calendar for the upcoming year was included in the agenda packet.
- Faculty Senate Members Roster – The complete member’s roster was included in the agenda packet.
- Brown Bag Lunch Schedule 2013-2014 with the President – A schedule for the Brown Bag Lunches was included in the agenda packet.
- Broadcasting all FSEC and FS meetings, things you need to know – Please remember that the microphones are on and very sensitive. Please avoid side chatter, rustling of papers and so forth as it is carried to our colleagues at the distance sites.
- New Parliamentarian – Becki Lawver has agreed to serve as the Senate Parliamentarian.

University Business - President Albrecht and Provost Cockett.
The President welcomed the committee back to the new school year and updated them on a few items. The church building east of the Caine College of the Arts building, often referred to as “The Golden Toaster” which the University acquired in a land swap with the LDS Church, will be torn down rather than renovated as soon as the congregations have made the transition to their new facilities.

The State Council of University Presidents will review the first round of budget requests for the upcoming legislative session. The request is likely to include funding for salary compensation and increased health coverage costs as well as distinctive mission funding, performance funding and funding for the second phase of the Veterinary Medicine program.

President Albrecht also mentioned several organizational changes as well; most notably, Noelle Cockett as our new Provost.

Information Items
Jeff Broadbent presented the new combined Graduate Council and Research Council report. Several committee members commented on the excellent format of the report. There was one question of clarification regarding the implementation of non-resident student waivers. They will begin in the upcoming academic year, fiscal year 2015.

A motion to place this report on the consent agenda was made by Doug Jackson-Smith and seconded by Renee Galliher. The motion passed unanimously.
New Business

Election of New Committee on Committees Member – Robert Schmidt. Sheri Haderlie has agreed to fill the vacancy on the COC committee. This appointment must be approved by the full Senate.

A motion to place the appointment of Sheri Haderlie on the Faculty Senate agenda was made by Doug Jackson-Smith and seconded by Steven Mansfield. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

PRPC Section 402, Language on RCDE and USU Eastern – Stephen Bialkowski. A second reading of non-substantive changes passed the senate last year; however, there were sections that were missed in the review. This corrects the missed sections so that it is consistent with the previous changes.

Doug Jackson-Smith moved to make this an action item on the senate agenda, Robert Schmidt seconded, and the motion passed with one dissenting vote.

Post Tenure Review Process Revision Update and Results of Straw Poll – Renee Galliher. Renee presented the results of the (non-binding) straw poll taken at the last Faculty Senate Meeting in the spring. A majority were in favor of keeping the original language that described the standard of appraisal and adopting the proposed timeline in its current form.

After a discussion of what direction the FSEC would like to take this issue, it was recommended to present the results of last spring’s poll to the full senate and ask the task force to continue its work and prepare a new proposal taking into account the feedback provided by the poll. Provost Cockett also suggested that she bring up this issue at the Department Head Executive Committee meeting for discussion as well.

Doug Jackson-Smith made a motion to place an update of the process and results of the straw poll on the senate agenda as an information item. Robert Schmidt seconded, and the motion passed with one dissenting vote.

Doug Jackson-Smith moved to charge the task force to present a new proposal at the next FSEC meeting, Steve Mansfield seconded and the motion passed with one dissenting vote.

Steve Mansfield made a motion to ask the Faculty Senate President, President-Elect, and Past-President to invite Noelle Cockett to join the task force committee. Robert Schmidt seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Dale Barnard made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jennifer Duncan seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Joan Kleinke, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary, 797-1776