

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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Members Present: Michael Caldwell (Chair), Dawn Lewis, Jacinta Amaral, William Covino, Gena Gechter, Thomas Holyoke, Pedro Ramirez (student member), O. Harald Schweizer, President John Welty, Lynn Williams,

Members Excused: Michael Botwin (ex-officio)

Visitors: V. Baker, P. Popma

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Caldwell in the Library Conference Room 2108.

1. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
2. Approval. MSC to approve the Minutes of 4/11/11.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Communication Item

- A. President Welty announced there will be a request for a call for faculty to serve as representatives on the President's Commission on Human Relations and Equity (PCHRE).
- B. President Welty announced he will discuss with student organizations the proposed IRA fee increase to instructional support services and athletics. Dr. Welty responded to several questions from members of the Executive Committee.
- C. Provost Covino discussed changes in the WASC reaccreditation process and its timeline for completion. Dr. Covino also discussed the expectation for external evaluation of graduating students' skills as a part of the reaccreditation.

- D. Senator T. Holyoke updated the Executive Committee on his collaborative effort with Senator M. Botwin to review the equity in academic departments' expectations for RTP.

Action Item

- E. Memorandum, March 14, 2011, from Venita Baker, Coordinator of Academic Senate Office, to Michael Caldwell, Chair, Academic Senate re: Forthcoming Nominating/Elections Committee Vacancies. Memo has been received.

Today's Executive Session.

- F. Memorandum, April 25, 2011, from President Welty to Michael Caldwell, Chair, Academic Senate re: Faculty Representation on the President's Commission on Human Relations and Equity (PCHRE). Memo has been received.

A campus call to serve will be sent to the faculty. The item will be placed on the agenda of the May 9, 2011 Executive Committee meeting.

4. Academic Constitutional Amendment, Academic Freedom–James Postma, Chair of Statewide Academic Senate.

The Executive Committee approved a recommendation to commence a referendum process in the Fall semester.

5. Retention, Tenure, and Promotion (RTP) Process (APM 324, 325, 327)–Personnel Committee. Second Reading.

Ms. P. Popma, Chair of Academic Personnel Committee, was present to discuss the item.

MSC to remove Section III, Additional Criteria for Promotion to Full Professor, from APM 327 (p. 5) and to forward the Retention, Tenure, and Promotion (RTP) Process (APM 324, 325, 327)–Personnel Committee, as amended, to the agenda of the Academic Senate meeting.

6. Policies and Procedures Student Academic Petitions Committee (APM 243)–Student Affairs.

The item will return to the agenda of the Executive Committee meeting for second reading. Dr. C. Edmondson, Chair, Student Affairs Committee, will be invited to attend the meeting.

7. Co-Curricular Leadership Certification Consultation–Student Affairs.

A discussion was held regarding the item. Committee members requested that definitions of ‘certificate’ and ‘certification’ be discussed in the future.

The item will return to the agenda of the Executive Committee meeting for second reading. Ms. Sally Ramage, Director, Student Activities and Leadership Development, will be invited to attend the meeting.

8. Added Authorization in Special Education: Autism Spectrum Disorder–University Graduate Committee

The items will return to the agenda of the Executive Committee meeting for second reading. Marilyn Wilson or Dana Powell will be invited to attend the meeting.

9. Executive Session.

MSC to move into Executive Session. (3:39 p.m. – 3:41 p.m.)

10. Returned to Open Session. (3:41 p.m.)

MSC to approve the following recommendation:

Academic Senate, Nominating/Elections Committee

Oscar Vega, Ph.D. (Mathematics), three-year term

Toni Dupont-Morales, Ph.D. (Criminology), three-year term

MSC to adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be announced. An Agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Submitted by:

Michael Caldwell
Chair
Academic Senate

Approved by:

Michael Caldwell
Chair
Academic Senate