THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Members present: Raymond Hall (Chair), Amber Crowell (Vice Chair), Jennifer Miele (At-Large), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-Large), Susan Schlievert (Statewide), Rebecca Perez (ASI rep), Xuanning Fu (Provost), Jim Schmidtke (AVP of Faculty Affairs), Aaron Stillmaker (University-wide)

Members excused: Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval (President), Lisa Bryant (At-Large)

Guests: Venita Baker (Academic Senate), Bernadette Muscat

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hall at 3:04 pm.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

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2. Approval of the Minutes of 4.17.23.

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3. Communications and Announcements.

Announcement from Chair: Election of Crowell and Miele, Stillmaker elected.

Communication from Provost: Two searches wrapped up in next few weeks. Vice Provost search: received strengths and weaknesses, hope to make decision within next few weeks, should hear campus announcement before summer; AVP of OIE: in process of meeting candidates, hopeful this search can conclude by summer but cannot say for sure, if search is successful should conclude end of May at latest, will keep EC posted; Other searches starting: Dean of Library, hope to conclude by end of summer or early fall, some faculty on search are not 12 month so it might not move quickly through summer, advertising within next month, committee start in late summer, thank you to Bernadette Muscat for serving in interim.

**Chair Hall**: Update on search for AVP of FA?

**Provost**: That search has started and will go at same pace as Dean of Library; committee has asked Provost not to push this search quickly because faculty are not 12 month, review of apps in Fall and conclude by mid-Fall.

Communication from Chair Hall:

**Action Items**

1. Email dated April 29, 2023 from Dr. Xuanning Fu, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs to Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate re: CSB Article of Governance. Email has been received.

Suggestion: Moved to agenda for EC to approve

**Chair Hall**: Is EC willing to review and give approval before S23 ends?

*EC agrees*

1. Email dated April 29, 2023 from Dr. Xuanning Fu, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs to Raymond Hall, Chair of the Academic Senate re: FBL Department Name Change Request. Email has been received.

Suggestion: Include on consent calendar

**R. Raya-Fernandez**: The new name gives department strength.

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4. New Business.

None

5. APM 400s–New Policy Priority and Early Registration. Second reading.

**Chair Hall**: Propose to call APM 402; Policy formalizes review process to determine which students can receive early registration; Wait until Laura and A. Stillmaker can join the conversation; continuance of second reading.

*Consensus on continuing second reading*

6. Memo from the President re: APM337 Faculty Workload.

**Chair Hall**: Proposal for assignment of WTU to research workload; can share response document to President informally regarding President’s feedback on policy change – does EC agree?

**J. Miele**: We need more time to review before sharing with President

**Chair Hall**: Also give L. Bryant an opportunity to agree.

**J. Miele**: Beneficial to give President heads up on what we are working on

**Chair Hall**: Will share with President after EC has consensus after reviewing letter.

**Chair Hall**: There is now a budget analysis for the policy, so now a survey could be sent to faculty on this policy change to find out what fraction of T/TT faculty would propose to receive 3WTU for research.

**J. Miele**: Would the survey have just one question or be kept simple?

**Chair Hall**: We would need to decide on that, and survey would be sent out in Fall. We also do not have a revised policy on the table and personnel committee still needs to be involved; revision asks for 3WTU for service, and accountability; invite personnel committee in to review revisions and develop the policy. Revisit this in the fall, but there will be something for EC to consider to send to personnel committee by end of summer.

7. CSB Articles of Governance

**Provost**: Major changes would be to allow associate professor to serve on personnel committee but does not review promotion cases; can only review personnel cases at equal level; personnel will have subcommittee of all full professor to review promotion to full; CSB does not have enough full professors to constantly serve on personnel; I am okay with this change, but want EC to take a look; associate professors can serve on department personnel to review T&P cases.

**J. Miele**: Confirms Provost’s summary of major changes.

**Chair Hall**: Associate or full can serve on college personnel according to APM; I don’t see a problem with this.

**Provost**: It is in line with teaching peer review policy.

**J. Miele**: Fewer departments represented on college personnel with current policy.

**Chair Hall**: Why not just use university policy, instead of having this policy in Articles of Governance?

**Provost**: Because it’s a change to by-laws, it still must go through Senate approval.

**J. Miele**: Articles go further into setting policy for different situations for personnel committee.

**Provost**: This change to CSB articles does not change University policy, but rather gives more opportunities for who participates in personnel committee

Chair Hall: I am curious how this is different from University policy and in what ways.

**J. Miele**: APM has procedures for promotion, but Articles lay out policy for the committee.

**Provost**: Clarify that I am not promoting the change, just elaborating on the change.

8. Final communications

**Chair Hall**: Acknowledge election of A. Stillmaker and apologize for late notice

Two policies included in pronoun change were stale, but registrar caught them; two policies will have to be recalled to correct pronouns.

**AVP Schmitke**: All are updated, but the two.

Adjourned: 3:44 PM