

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

Visitors: V. Baker

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Chair Caldwell in the Senate Conference Room, Thomas Administration 117.

1. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
2. Approval. MSC to approve the Minutes of 7/7/11.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Communication Item

- A. Provost Covino announced C. Leimer, Director of Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning, will be promoted to Associate Vice President. Dr. Covino stated several points of justification for the promotion.

Some committee members shared concerns regarding the timing of the appointment, while others offered supportive comments.

- B. Provost Covino announced Dr. T. Wendt's term as Associate Vice President of Academic Personnel ends spring 2012. Due to budgetary issues, the search for a new AVP of Academic Personnel is postponed for the 2011-2012 academic year. Dr. T. Wendt's contract will be extended for one year.

- C. Provost Covino announced the searches for three deans (for the Colleges of Engineering, Business, and Sciences and Math) are postponed for the 2011-2012 academic year due to budget constraints.
- D. Miss Selena Farnesi announced several upcoming Associated Student, Inc. (ASI) events.
- E. A campus call to serve on the UBRTP Committee will be sent to the faculty.

Chair Caldwell led a discussion on providing leadership on campus regarding strengthening the diversity of committee membership on campus, especially with regard to UBRTP. The Executive Committee agreed to include the following statement on all future calls for faculty participation:

The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate welcomes and encourages nominees from under-represented groups in an effort to promote a diverse pool of candidates.

Action Item

- F. Memorandum dated July 26, 2011, from John D. Welty, President, to Michael Caldwell, Chair of the Academic Senate re: Faculty Representation. Memo has been received.

A campus call for a faculty member to serve on the Athletics Advisory Council will be sent to the faculty.

- G. Email, dated July 7, 2011, from Dennis Nef, Associate Vice President and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, to Michael Caldwell, Chair Academic Senate re: APM 243-POLICIES AND PROCEDURES STUDENT ACADEMIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE. Email has been received.

Item will be sent to the Academic Personnel & Planning Committee.

- H. Memorandum, dated July 20, 2011, from Andrew Lawson, Chair of the General Education Committee, to Michael Caldwell, Chair Academic Senate re: General Education Writing Requirements. Memo has been received.

Item will be placed on the next meeting agenda of the Academic Senate Executive Committee.

4. Proposal Review for Doctorate of Nursing Practice-University Graduate Committee.

MSC to send the Proposal Review for Doctorate of Nursing Practice to the Budget Committee.

The Executive Committee will also receive the full proposal for review via email.

5. Committee Structure Discussion.

Chair Caldwell recommended three members of the Executive Committee meet to review the structure and effectiveness of the senate committees. The goal is to make recommendations for the revision of the current committee structure. G. Gechter, T. Holyoke and O. Schweizer will work with Chair Caldwell on this initiative.

MSC to adjourn at 4:14 p.m.

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

Submitted by:

Dawn K. Lewis
Vice Chair
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Approved by:

Michael Caldwell
Chair
Academic Senate