Faculty Senate Executive Committee
April 9, 2015
Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:35 p.m. on April 9, 2015 in the International Room, Morris University Center by Tom Foster, president.

Present: Foster, Goebl-Parker, Heil, Hester, Ibroscheva, Kirk, Sabby

Excused: Taylor, Yager

Guests: Tom Jordan, Denise Cobb, Eric Ruckh

Consideration of the Minutes: Corrections were made to the March 26, 2015 minutes. The minutes were approved as amended.

Guest Speakers: Eric Ruckh, Honors Program Director, Denise Cobb, Associate Provost for Academic Innovation and Effectiveness and Tom Jordan, Coordinator for Policy, Communication and Issues of Concern

Eric Ruckh, Honors Program Director, began with a report of the Honors Council. Eric gave an overview of the current work of the Council. The Council is looking at combining a few policies to make one comprehensive policy for the Honors Program. The council would like to put Honors, General Education Curriculum, policies regarding retention and transfers in the honors program into one place in order to have easy access of all of them and clarity in these matters. Tom Jordan recommended for everything with Honors in one policy document.

The Curriculum Council operating papers will need to be revised in order to add the Honors Director on the Curriculum Council. This will work the same as the General Education Chair and Committee of Assessment Director. There was discussion to iron out the details. Jeffrey Sabby, Curriculum Council Chair will work on a revision to the operating papers and have it ready for a first read at the April 16 Curriculum Council meeting. The Honors Council would like to see final approval of the current work in process by the fall of 2016 including clarity on the role of Faculty Senate with the Honors Program. There was a discussion about whether to list the Honors Policy under Academic Matters of the University Policies or under Curriculum. Tom Jordan explained how the process works when a revision is made to a university policy.

Tom Jordan and Denise Cobb had a list of items and questions covering these topics:

- Dual Credit, infrastructure, policy, possible working group
  - Has there been a faculty discussion about dual credit directly with Edwardsville High School?
- Curriculum Council streamlining, Fast Track Cue, possible working group
- Environmental Sciences and possible new unit
- Faculty Senate relationship with the Provost’s Office
Working simultaneously on policy revisions/issues in order to streamline work

- Faculty Senate Goals and REALITY Goals
- Upcoming items for this Fall are the Grievance Policy and Early Promotion and Early Tenure
- Program Proposals and curriculum process efficiencies
- Faculty Senate weigh-in of the white paper consisting of the reorganization of the professional schools which President Dunn sent to the Chancellor and was forwarded to Faculty Senate president
  - Cross-unit collaborations,
  - President Dunn opened door for comment
  - The move of academic units out of academic affairs
    - Promotion and tenure going straight from Dean to Chancellor and not the Provost

Tom Foster will send the proposal/white paper on behalf of President Dunn to the governance secretary so that it can be posted to the FSEC SharePoint. There is a deadline date of May 1 to respond. Denise asked the executive committee to look at it and come back with comments.

**Reports from Council Chairs**

**UPBC:** No report.

**Faculty Development Council:** No report.

**Curriculum Council:** Jeffrey Sabby noted that Denise Cobb will contact people to line up 4 remaining program reviews.

**Rules and Procedures:** No report.

**Welfare Council:** Erin reported that at the next Welfare Council meeting they will continue to work on the Teaching Load Policy and bring some amendments to the FSEC meeting.

**Graduate Council:** Andrea Hester reported that Poonam Jain will be next year’s Graduate Council Chair.

**Past President:** No report.

**President Elect:** Stacie Kirk asked what is next on the clinical faculty language change to the Constitution. It will need a full current university faculty vote.

**President:** Tom Foster reported that a representative from Ride Share will speak to the Senate for 10 minutes on May 7, 2015 Faculty Senate meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.
Other: None.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm (Goeb-Parker/Kirk).

Approved as submitted April 23, 2015
Vicki Kruse/University Governance