The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:31 p.m. on September 8, 2016 in the International Room, Morris University Center by Jeffrey Sabby, president.

PRESENT: Agustin, Kerber, Kirk, Logue, Lueck, Nastasia, Pettibone, Rehg, Sabby, Lutz

EXCUSED: Taylor

GUESTS: Tom Jordan, Denise Cobb

GUEST SPEAKER: Tom Jordan, representing Policy Council presented some revisions to the Textbook Rental Policies. Tom answered questions and will attend the full Senate meeting on October 6 for further feedback. Tom will send a copy with track changes to be provided with the final draft for posting for the full senate.

GUEST SPEAKER: Denise Cobb, Interim Provost & Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs sat down and talked to the executive committee about current matters affecting academic affairs. Some of the topics Denise touched upon are:

- Clarification of early promotion/work together
  - Get new Chancellor’s perspective
  - Different departments have different standards, things assigned differently, varies, doesn’t have to be uniform
  - Problematic in the way dismissal steps are laid out for all areas
- CC: Challenge balancing all curriculum forms and program reviews
  - Curriculum process cannot stop
  - Fast track by respecting process
- Program Reviews and IBHE low performing metrics, will receive a list of the low performing programs
  - Program reviews fundamentally about improvement
  - Be proactive post program review so the programs won’t
- Program Reviews are a good way to catch before they get on IBHE list
- Thresholds
  - Head count
  - Degrees conferred
  - Cost efficiency
- Legislators say thresholds are not high enough
- Unknown if IBHE has responded to any of the other universities—did not respond to SIUE
- IBHE low performing metrics have similar language as SIUE program review
- Program review improvement versus a "hammer"
- Economic prioritization
- Specialization levels could be looked at if things get tight
- Investment and shaping direction instead of cuts
- Some programs don’t make money
  - Work together and not in isolation
  - Opportunity, strength and possibility
  - Plan in advance and not react
  - Parallel administrative and academic prioritization
  - Program Quality Assurance
  - Enrollment loss
  o Should departments do their own accreditation

- Past attempts unsuccessful
  - Should accredited programs go through reviews
    o Sometimes don’t match up in comparison
  - FDC: Continuous Improvement Conference
    o Faculty Driven
    o Denise available to help
    o What could be opportunity

Denise would like to attend Senate meetings regularly or by invitation. Some guidelines for “winter session” will be provided to the deans next week. Denise will follow up with the executive committee about winter session, piloting and testing. Denise would like a conversation about the Lincoln Program regarding the memo from Faculty Senate about class size caps.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Jeffrey gave a reminder about the OMA training and annual OMA designee training.

Currently, no names have been brought forward for faculty appointments on the Honors Advisory Council, Parking & Traffic Committee and the UCB (University Center Board).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The August 25, 2016 minutes were approved as submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
All Faculty Meeting: The agenda was reviewed and discussion. It was decided to add an additional item of Faculty Unionization and invite faculty to speak allowing the same amount of time as other speakers.

COUNCIL REPORTS
There were no Curriculum, Faculty Development, Rules & Procedures or Welfare Council reports.

Graduate Council: Jen Rehg reported that she spoke to the Board of Trustees at the meeting this morning about the IP (Intellectual Property) policy and the spirit of shared governance. During the summer, a new system wide policy was added to the agenda late and approved by the Board when the Faculty Senate was not in session. Dr. Dunn is willing to come to an executive committee meeting or faculty senate meeting. It was agreed that he would be invited, but a date has not been determined. The executive committee will follow up.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42.

Approved as submitted September 22, 2016
Vicki Kruse/University Governance