FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
International Room, Morris University Center
August 24, 2017 – 2:30 p.m.

Approved Minutes

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:33 p.m. on August 24, 2017 in the International Room, Morris University Center by Marcus Agustin, president.

Present: Agustin, Kerber, Love, Mishra, Nastasia, Pettibone, Rehg, Rice, Sabby, Lutz
Absent: Kirk, Logue, Lueck, Taylor
Excused: De Meo
Guests: Denise Cobb, Kevin Thomas, Junvie Pailden, Dan Segrist

Guest Speakers

a) Provost & Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Denise Cobb and Director of Retention and Student Success Kevin Thomas:

Introductions were made around the table.

Provost Cobb spoke to the topics of retention and graduation rates and asked for suggestions and feedback.

Director Thomas added some statistics showing that the retention rate for first time freshmen has dropped. Suggestions were offered by executive committee and noted by guests. It was suggested to send the issue to the Curriculum Council Academic Standards and Policies Committee where they can go into more depth with discussions to come up with possible solutions.

Provost Cobb will send a charge for the committee. Thomas will be available to serve on committee as well as Laura Strand, registrar. Some suggestions: ‘quick start’, a progress report that includes attendance for an early warning system, communicate in more detail why the faculty are doing Starfish, and for students whose strengths are not in their chosen path to proactively send students to alternative paths. Cobb will additionally send a packet to Curriculum Council Chair Laurie Rice.

Provost Cobb is invited to the October 5 Faculty Senate meeting and the October Graduate Council meeting. Cobb expressed she is available to attend any council, committee, senate or executive committee meetings and expressed appreciation for help on the retention and graduation rate issue.

Announcements
None

Consideration of Minutes

a) May 11, 2017 special meeting minutes are approved as submitted.

Unfinished Business

a) Input on System-Wide Initiatives - There was a discussion about adding a section in the bylaws to include possible meetings with the SIU president about system wide initiatives and policy proposals or possible system wide updates. Agreed to send to Rules and Procedures Council for further work.

New Business

a) Council Assignments:
   i) Curriculum Council
ii) Faculty Development Council
   (1) Shadrac Msengi
   (2) Wai Cheah

iii) Rules and Procedures Council
   (1) Junvie Pailden
   (2) TBD

iv) Welfare Council
   (1) Kate Newman
   (2) Lisa Green
   (3) Dan Segrist
   (4) Andy Lozowski
   (5) Mohammad Yousef
   (6) Jeffrey Banker
   (7) Kathryn Bentley

Vacancies will be filled according to CAS elections committee procedures.

a) OMA - Volunteers for designees are requested for each council, executive committee and senate. Please let Marcus know and send certificates to Governance secretary.
b) All Faculty Meeting – October 24, 2017 Marcus described a possible agenda to include general education and new freshman seminar.
c) Policy 1I1 – to be included with the packet and memo from Provost Cobb to Curriculum Council chair regarding retention and graduation rates.
d) Appointments that will be on the September 7 Faculty Senate agenda for approval
i) Co-Chair of Rules and Procedure Council for Fall 2017 (Junvie Pailden)
ii) Co-Chair of Welfare Council (Dan Segrist)
iii) UPBC, 3 year appointment (Ann Popkess)
iv) University Honors Advisory Council (Faith Liebl)
v) Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Assurance Review Team

Reports from Council Chairs
a) UPBC – Morris Taylor, Nancy Lutz: Nancy gave a report and the next meeting is tomorrow with the topic of salary increase proposal. Nancy explained it would then need to go to the Board of Trustees for approval.

b) Faculty Development Council – Jennifer Logue, Suman Mishra:
   i) 2017 FDC Annual Report (on Sept 7 Faculty Senate agenda)
   ii) Proposed EUE competition for FY 18: Suman reported that there will be two EUE competitions this academic year. One will be held this semester and one in the spring. Priorities will be high impact practices for incoming freshman or students at beginning of their major, high impact community engagement practices and general education reform.
   iii) Steve Kerber requested to have the discussion about the faculty development space in the library so the library faculty can be present.
c) Curriculum Council – Sorin Nastasia, Laurie Rice: Laurie reported that there are nine program reviews coming through this year and a backlog of curriculum proposal changes.

d) Rules & Procedure Council – Jonathan Pettibone, Cristina De Meo & co-chair (Junvie Pailden): Junvie reported items they have on their agenda for the year including evaluations.

e) Welfare Council – Stephen Kerber and Brian Lueck, Stephen Kerber & co-chair (Dan Segrist): Steve began his report by giving an overview of last year’s work and guests. Sherrie Senkfor will be attending a meeting. Welfare Council will conduct an Ombuds search for the successor for Mary Sue Love whose term will be up this year. They will conduct a survey assessment of the Ombuds service this year.

i) 2017 WC Annual Report - The Council will be looking over the report before it goes on the Faculty Senate September 7 agenda.

f) Graduate Council – Jennifer Rehg, Mary Sue Love: Mary Sue reported some of the things that will be on the agenda this year; subcommittees will meet before Graduate Council meets; ERP Chair is Duff Wrobbel and Programs chair is Ed Navarre — several reviews this year. Graduate Council will be involved with the Centers Institute and Public Service Units Review this year.

g) Past-President – Stacie Kirk, Jeffrey Sabby: Jeffrey reported that he went to the July Board of Trustees meeting and reminded them of the resolutions that were passed, respectfully.

h) President Elect – Sorin Nastasia: None

i) President – Marcus Agustin: Marcus reported that he appointed faculty to serve on teams regarding HLC: Sorin Nastasia will serve on Evaluation and Improvement team and Bryan Jack and Judy Crane will serve on the Teaching and Learning Quality Resources and Support team. Marcus attended a University Diversity Council meeting. Sometime in fall semester there will be campus roll out for the new diversity and inclusion strategic plan. Marcus will invite Dr. Venessa Brown to an upcoming executive committee meeting. Met with Provost Cobb and discussed Policy 111. Marcus invited Provost Cobb to October 5 meeting to talk about current initiatives. Nancy Lutz added that the Chancellor wants to put dollars into an Innovation Fund. Marcus reported that he received a request from Robert Patino, the Director, Office of Technology Transfer, SIU to attend a meeting and talk about proposing a system wide visiting scholar IP agreement. He is scheduled to attend the September 14 FSEC meeting. The draft of the agreement will be uploaded to SharePoint. Marcus will also have Graduate Council look at the agreement.

Other
None

Public Comment
None

Marcus would like any agenda items from the Councils, by Thursday this month because of the Labor Day holiday. In the future please send by Friday so they can be posted on Monday the week of the Senate meeting.

Adjournment
With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Approved as amended September 14, 2017
Vicki Kruse/University Governance