

## Executive Committee Report to the Faculty Senate for February 2011

The Executive Committee met twice in the month of January:

The Committee met from 3:00 – 5:00 PM on Wednesday January 19. The main agenda items under consideration were the following:

- A report from and discussion with Sande Johnson-Byers and Brenda Gombosky representing IT. Sande and Brenda presented draft policies dealing with the need to modify the use of Departmental e-mail servers and plans for revising the way the sponsored computer accounts are handles and managed. The Executive Committee understood the rational for these changes and made suggestions for revisions in the policies before they became effective;
- A very early and rough draft of a potential University policy on sponsorships was discussed. Many comments were taken by the Committee Chair to help improve the potential policy as it assumes final shape;
- Standing Committee reports were heard;
- The Chair of the Faculty Senate sought nominees for an open position of the Planning and Budget Committee and for attendance at a seven week training course with Public Safety

The Committee met from 3:00 – 5:00 PM on Wednesday January 26. The main agenda items under consideration were as follows:

- Professor Feldhoff offered some information from the Human Resources Advisory Committee and made a report on the outcomes of the latest electronic employee exit surveys. There did not appear to be any issues that required further Senate attention;
- Chair Steffen initiated a discussion of the development of a strategic plan for the Faculty Senate with the Redbook providing a description of the Senate's mission statement and the Vision 2020 University strategic plan providing a place for the development of Senate strategies to begin.
- With members of the Planning and Budget Committee in attendance Vice-President for Finance Mike Curtin and Budget Director Susan Howarth presented an update to version C of the 2011-2012 University budget. There was a great deal of discussion relating to ideas for savings which could be applied to the budget. The Executive Committee will determine work on responses for the Office of the President at its next meeting.