

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on January 18, 2017 at 3 p.m. in the School of Music, Vice Chair Krista Wallace-Boaz presiding.

Voting Members Present:

Robert Barker, Roger Bradshaw, Pam Feldhoff, Karen Hadley, Martin Hall, Terri Holtze, Kurt Metzmeier, J.P. Mohsen, Chin Ng, David Owen, Susan Peacock, Enid Trucios-Haynes, Krista Wallace-Boaz

Also Attending:

Tracy Eells, Meredith Cooksey

Voting Members Not Present:

David Simpson

Call to Order

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Minutes – Wallace-Boaz

The minutes of the November 16th meeting were approved as amended; the November 30th meeting minutes were approved as distributed; and, the December 14, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

REPORT: Student Government – Cooksey

Ms. Cooksey reported that student participation in the course evaluations last semester increased by 24% to a total of about 74%. Since it is so early in the semester, there was no more to report.

REPORT: Staff Senate – Brown

There was no report.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair – Trucios-Haynes

Senate Chair Trucios-Haynes reported on several issues, including:

- A new Board of Trustees has been appointed. There are 10 members and the 3 constituency representatives. It will be an interim board until it is approved by the legislature.
- The first item of business will be appointing an interim president. Reminding the committee that the list of characteristics of a University President that had been developed late last semester included an internal and academic candidate, she asked if those were still firm requirements. Committee members agreed they were.
- The committee felt that the best time to search for a permanent president would be in the fall, as the SACS probation nears a conclusion.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS – Wallace-Boaz

- Senate Bill 107 –Discussion at 4 p.m. See below.

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- Statement from Faculty Senate regarding request for ex officio seat on the Foundation's Board of Trustees – This is for clarification that the Faculty Senate requests an ex officio and voting seat on the UofL Foundation Board of Trustees. The statement was unanimously approved. A copy will be sent to Keith Sherman, the Executive Director of the UofL Foundation.
- Open letter about undocumented students –Senator David Owen drafted a letter and it was circulated to committee members via email. It will be sent to the new interim president. A vote was taken and the letter was endorsed.

REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEES

- Academic Programs Committee (APC) – No report was made.
- Committee on Committees & Credentials (CCC) – Hall - This committee did not meet.
- Part-time Faculty Committee (PTF) – Peacock - The committee met on January 9th. HR is working on a part-time faculty orientation in the summer. There is a disconnect between the hiring and the orientation for new part-time faculty. It was suggested that the person hiring the faculty member should inform them of the orientation and not the UBMs.
- Planning & Budget Committee (P&B) – Hadley - This committee did not meet.
- REDBOOK Committee (RB) – Metzmeier - Will present documents from Speed School and Dentistry. A brief discussion took place regarding PAT alignment, the timing of tenure and The REDBOOK. Dr. Tracy Eells felt no change to The REDBOOK was needed, but some committee members felt otherwise. Senate Chair Trucios-Haynes asked for the proposed changes to the PAT policy, as well as the Sabbatical Policy.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

- HRAC – Feldhoff -This committee meets tomorrow.

4:00 p.m. - At this point in the meeting, the committee adjourned and moved to Room 161 (Bird Hall) for a discussion of the Senate Bill 107.

DISCUSSION – SENATE BILL 107 – Trucios-Haynes

The SB107 had been circulated via email prior to this meeting. The Faculty Senate had been granted permission by Kentucky Senate President, Robert Stivers, to make revisions to the original version of the bill. The full senate was invited to attend to help revise the current version. The discussion started with Senate Chair Trucios-Haynes taking each section and reviewing it for clarity and consistency throughout. Points of concern were the removal of the entire board of trustees for cause; in the event of removal of a member or members, that the racial and registration balance be maintained; the inclusion of gender when appointing members; the definition of “cause”, “conduct”, “misconduct”, “immoral conduct”, and “significant misconduct”. Senate Chair Trucios-Haynes will add revisions and send to the Executive Committee and Acting Provost Billingsley tomorrow.

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OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.