

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on February 15, 2017 at 3 p.m. in the University Club Boardroom, Vice Chair Krista Wallace-Boaz presiding.

Voting Members Present:

KRISTA WALLACE-BOAZ, PAM FELDHOF, ROBERT BARKER, ROGER BRADSHAW, TERRI HOLTZE, DAVID OWEN, CHIN NG, MARTIN HALL, SUSAN PEACOCK, KAREN HADLEY, J.P. MOHSEN, KURT METZMEIER

Also Attending:

GINGER BROWN, MEREDITH COOKSEY, SUSAN JAROSI, DAWN HEINECKEN

Voting Members Not Present:

ENID TRUCIOS-HAYNES, DAVID SIMPSON

Call to Order

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Minutes – Wallace-Boaz

The minutes of the January 18, 2017 Executive Committee meeting were approved as distributed.

REPORT: Student Government – Cooksey

Ms. Cooksey reported that the SGA elections have started and will be over at the end of March. The SGA also passed 4 resolutions:

- A Resolution to Express Solidarity with International Students at the University of Louisville
- A Resolution for the Preservation of Student Government Association Democratic Electoral Integrity at the University of Louisville
- A Resolution Providing the Professor and Course Evaluation of Inclusion and Diversity at the University of Louisville.
- A Resolution to Bring Belknap Campus into ADA Compliance for Braille

A brief discussion took place regarding the resolution for Professor and Course Evaluation on Inclusion and Diversity. Some committee members asked for clarification. It is intended as an extra question on the current evaluation. Units are the owners of their evaluations. The Law School has added the question to its evaluation.

REPORT: Staff Senate – Brown

Ms. Brown reported that the Staff Senate met on February 13th. Ms. Shannon Rickett from the Office of Government Relations was introduced and made a brief presentation. Mr. David Adams, the new Chief Administrative Officer, also was introduced and spoke briefly about his background and how he hopes to work collaboratively on issues with the Staff Senate. A discussion was held on the RIF Policy, which has been renamed the DOS (Downsizing of Staff). Asked how the new DOS Policy will be updated, Ms. Brown said that Gary Southard, the Chair of the PED Committee, will most likely send it to HR. Concern was also raised about the restructuring of HRAC and how that could affect shared governance.

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DISCUSSION & UPDATES – Wallace-Boaz

Several topics were discussed, including:

- Senate Chair Enid Trucios-Haynes was not in attendance today, as she was attending a budget training meeting. This committee will meet again next week to discuss the budget.
- Keith Sherman, the Executive Director of the UofL Foundation, will meet with this committee next week.
- The Executive Committee's letter to the Foundation requesting a voting, ex officio seat on the Foundation's board was sent to Keith Sherman.
- Budget Concerns:
 - Planning & Budget Committee convened today with several AAUP representatives in attendance. The committee met at the request of the Senate Chair to discuss the possibility of Financial Exigency. A minority of those present felt strongly that no discussion should be held, as such a discussion would seem to legitimize the possibility of Financial Exigency. The committee will reconvene to ask for clarification from Chair Trucios-Haynes on the matter.
 - The REDBOOK Committee Chair, Kurt Metzmeier was asked to look at the legal aspects and UofL's financial history and any previous Declarations of Financial Exigency. What is the reason behind a Declaration of Financial Exigency? Among other drastic cost-saving measures, it allows for the layoff of tenured faculty. In making a Declaration of Financial Exigency, various factors must take place, which are:
 - It is unforeseeable
 - It is not created by the University

Senator Metzmeier argued that neither of these are valid claims, in that, the Board of Trustees caused the financial crisis by not allowing a tuition increase. Further, if it is declared, the precedent for laying off tenured faculty comes from 1990, when a faculty member was denied tenure because their program was closing. The same scenario took place in 1993, when a program closed. The impact of declaring this would be felt across the University.

- Tuition and Fee Setting Committee – This committee has requested a second faculty member. Karen Hadley will serve as the second faculty member.
- HRAC and ATC – The ATC meeting was canceled. We would like these committees to remain effective.
- Parking Advisory Committee – Mark Watkins to be invited to an Executive Committee meeting.
- Upcoming Executive Committee Meetings with President and Provost, in Grawemeyer Hall, President's Conference Room. Outlook invitations will be sent for the following:
 - Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 8a.m.
 - Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at noon
- CPE Letter – The Faculty Senate's statement of support of the CPE's letter to State Legislature President Robert Stivers is posted on the web site.

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- The resolution of thanks to Dr. Pinto is also on the web site.

REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEES

- Academic Programs Committee (APC) – This committee did not meet and there are no program proposals to review.
- Committee on Committees & Credentials (CCC) – This committee did not meet.
- Part-time Faculty Committee (PTF) – This committee is preparing for elections and seeking clarification on the hiring process for part-time faculty.
- Planning & Budget Committee (P&B) – as above.
- REDBOOK Committee (RB) – This committee did not meet. Committee Chair Metzmeier has asked The REDBOOK Committee members to review the first two chapters of The REDBOOK to document the relationship between the University and the Foundation.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

- STEC – This committee met on February 3, 2017. Faculty Senate Chair Trucios-Haynes was at the meeting and reiterated the importance of shared governance. Senator Feldhoff was also there, and said that no constituency input is taken before decisions are made.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

President Postel has invited the Faculty Senate to the basketball game on Saturday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.