

## FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

### **VOTING MEMBERS REGISTERING ATTENDANCE:**

Krista Wallace-Boaz, Enid Trucios-Haynes, Pam Feldhoff, Robert Barker, Roger Bradshaw, Terri Holtze, David Owen, David Simpson, Chin Ng, Roy Fuller, J.P. Mohsen

### **VOTING MEMBERS NOT REGISTERING ATTENDANCE:**

### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**PROVOST DESIGNEE:** Tracy Eells

**STAFF SENATE REP:** Ginger Brown

**SGA REP:** Jonathan Fuller, Zack Pennington

**GUESTS:** Susan Howarth, Reg Bruce, Alan Levitan, Lindsey Ronay

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes – Wallace-Boaz**

The October minutes will be considered at the December 13, 2017 meeting.

### **REPORT: Student Government Association – Fuller**

Mr. Fuller introduced freshman student Zack Pennington. Some SGA updates included:

- Athletic Fee – The SGA met with Athletic Director Tyra to discuss the fee. No one is exactly sure what the fee covers, though they were told it is for Title IX. The SGA would like for the fee to phase out. The Ad is open to discussing this. He said President Postel supports the SGA on this.

The SGA passed several resolutions, included in the packet of information. The resolutions are:

- Resolution on Construction – The SGA requests that it is consulted on all campus construction projects.
- Resolution to implement a minor in Arabic.
  - **Comment:** A minor in Mid East Studies already exists.
    - **Response:** The minor in Arabic is language-focused, not on the culture.
  - **Question:** What is the demand for the minor?
    - **Response:** The department chair said that Arabic is the 5<sup>th</sup> most popular language.
- Resolution for a Competitive Grading Scale – UofL is one of only a few universities that use the +/- grading system. The SGA and the Provost are discussing this issue.

### **REPORT: Staff Senate – Brown**

The Staff Senate met on November 13. Patricia Benson reported on Get Healthy Now and the monthly fee for the Wellness Center. Lee Smith and John Elliott gave updates. The search for a new Chief of Police will begin in January.

### **REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair – Trucios-Haynes**

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

- **Board of Trustees** – a joint meeting was held with the Listening Tour subcommittee and the PSFCC. It was a good meeting. Bonita Black is the chair of the Listening Tour subcommittee. The Listening Tour will be held in January. The Board has not responded to the letters it received

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regarding the presidential search. An advertisement was placed in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* with a December 1, 2017 deadline for applications. The Board approved the idea of an advertisement, but Funk (the search consultant) went ahead and wrote it and placed it. When the Board asked him about it he said it was a proforma and meaningless. The Board then told him to place another ad with no set deadline, as they are not ready to speak to any applicants. The established process must be followed. The next meeting of the Board is November 11. The PSFCC is on the agenda to continue the conversation that began last month.

- **Comment:** Surprised the Board gave permission to place an ad it had not seen.
  - **Response:** The consultant took it upon himself, but should follow the committee's directions.
- **Presidential Priorities** – This will be discussed at the December meeting, as Dr. Postel has not heard from the faculty on this. We should formally respond to his request for feedback.

### **DISCUSSION and UPDATES – Wallace-Boaz**

Evaluation of Course Fees –A discussion took place regarding the inclusion of a course fee question on a course evaluation. The Tuition and Fee Setting Committee meets tomorrow. Bob Goldstein is looking at best practices. Committee members expressed concerns, including:

- The fee information on a course syllabus would get lost in all the other information.
- The fee information on a course evaluation could negatively impact faculty's tenure and promotion.
- The fee evaluation has nothing to do with the course evaluation.

There was no conclusion to the discussion.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE (APC) – Ng**

This committee received revisions to the CoB proposal for an MS in Business Analytics. There will be an 80/20 revenue sharing agreement with Public Health. The committee is waiting on revisions to Public Health's proposals.

#### **COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES & CREDENTIALS (CCC) –**

This committee is working on the election for next month to fill vacancies on APC and P&B.

#### **PART-TIME FACULTY COMMITTEE (PTF) – Fuller**

This committee met and developed a resolution on parking issues for part-time faculty. Senate Chair Trucios-Haynes forwarded the resolution to Mark Watkins. The committee also heard from Senator Avery Kolers on AAUP.

#### **PLANNING & BUDGET COMMITTEE (P&B) – Owen**

This committee did not meet. Committee members are invited to this meeting to hear about the budget. The committee is scheduled to meet in December with the APC and the Provost to discuss program funding.

#### **REDBOOK COMMITTEE (RB) – Metzmeier**

Committee Chair Kurt Metzmeier was not in attendance at today's meeting, but Dr. Eells reported that the School of Dentistry bylaws and personnel documents have been sent to the committee chair.

### **REPORT: Budget – Vice Provost/Chief Budget Officer – Howarth**

Ms. Howarth attended the meeting today to report on the financial results for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY 2018, as well as a review of audited financial statements from FY 2017. Units are reporting monthly and a meeting with LFOs will better explain how they should manage their budgets. Committee members were concerned that if the savings goals are not met, and the state issues another budget cut, some

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more drastic measures will have to be taken. Ms. Howarth said the state told her that no more cuts will be taken this year. She expects cuts are certain for the next fiscal year. Dr. Postel has some ideas for revenue generation that may be announced in January. She is meeting with deans and strategizing how best to use spendable funds. As a possible fix, she is looking at using the \$34M in gift carryover, though she is not sure if this is allowable.

- **Question:** Do donors expect their gifts to be used for operations?
  - **Response:** This would be a one-time fix for this year only.
- **Question:** How are the units being funded?
  - **Response:** All on general funds – state appropriations and tuition.

Also, cash on hand is an issue with Moody's. We have about 28 days and they would like to see about 100 days.

- **Question:** What is 100 days of cash on hand?
  - **Response:** About \$300M.

The current financial predicament is a one-time situation, that will never happen again. The solution is that we need to spend less than we bring in. Even though there are many financial pressures, the ship has been righted and she feels very good about that.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This committee will not meet next week.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gretchen Henry