

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on August 22, 2018 at 3 p.m. in the Boardroom of the University Club, Vice Chair Krista Wallace-Boaz presiding.

Voting Members Present:

Krista Wallace-Boaz, Enid Trucios-Haynes, Robert Barker, Roger Bradshaw, David Owen, Diane Chlebowy, Chin Ng, Sherri Brown, Roy Fuller, Beth Willey

Also Attending:

Tracy Eells

Voting Members Not Present:

David Simpson, J.P Mohsen

Call to Order

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the June 20, 2018 Minutes – Wallace-Boaz

The minutes of the June 20, 2018 Executive Committee meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

REPORT: Student Government – Munoz

No report was made.

REPORT: Staff Senate – Brown

No report was made.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair – Trucios-Haynes

The chair reported on the following:

- Executive Cabinet meeting – President Bendapudi has invited the constituency groups (Faculty and Staff Senates and the SGA) to participate in the Executive Cabinet meetings that also includes vice presidents and deans. This was a productive meeting where the discussion focused on the University's identity and what the group wanted to do, or stop doing. A list was made of common values. All agreed to continue to make this a great place to learn and to focus on student needs.
- Budget – A brief discussion took place on the 5% cut. Concerns were raised on existing programs and reduction to staff contracts, though the full effects of the cut are still unknown.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS – Wallace-Boaz

- Inauguration-Student Event – The date of the inauguration is Thursday, October 4, 2018 and all Belknap classes area canceled. On Tuesday, October 2nd, there is a lunch in the Red Barn, hosted by SGA, from 11.30-1.30. The SGA has asked for faculty volunteers to serve the lunch.
- Parking Update – A brief discussion took place regarding the issues surrounding Parking. Many committee members felt the communication of the recent changes was insufficient. The costs of structural maintenance, upgrades to equipment and the 620 Garage add to the nearly \$2M in annual upkeep.
- Perusall/Follett – The current problem is that Follett will not allow a third party to be integrated into Blackboard. Perusall is a platform that allows students to purchase textbooks from a variety of sources. Faculty using Perusall for grading cannot upload grades to Blackboard. The contract

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with Follett prohibits it. The contract, signed in 2015, is good until 2031, and Follett will not budge. Committee members shared some issues they are having with Follett – books not ordered and packs not made. The discussion ended and will be revisited at a later date.

REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEES

- Academic Programs Committee (APC) – Ng
 - Chin Ng was elected committee chair. The committee will review a proposal for an MS in Bioengineering.
- Committee on Committees & Credentials (CCC) – Brown
 - This committee did not meet.
- Part-time Faculty Committee (PTF) – Fuller
 - This committee did not meet.
- Planning & Budget Committee (P&B) – Owen
 - This committee did not meet, but is expecting to receive revisions to the proposed Character-based Leadership Center.
- REDBOOK Committee (RB) – Willey
 - The School of Dentistry personnel documents are ready for a first reading at the September Senate meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- The University has leased a program called Interfolio. This puts promotion and tenure documents, personal resumes and other information online and easily accessible. Not all units are rolling it out at the same time. Training will be available.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Meeting Dates for 2018-2019 – The calendar will be sent to the XC to approve and send to the full Senate for the September meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- An invitation to the football game on September 8 will be emailed soon.
- Information will be sent out regarding the traditional reception for the out-going chair.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Henry

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