

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on August 28, 2019 at 3 p.m. in the Bingham Library of the University Club, Vice Chair David Owen presiding.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

David Owen, Krista Wallace-Boaz, Enid Trucios-Haynes, Robert Barker, Roger Bradshaw, Eugene Mueller, David Simpson, Roy Fuller, Reg Bruce, David Schultz

ALSO ATTENDING

Tracy Eells, Sabrina Collins, Bob Goldstein, Katie Partin

CALL TO ORDER

INFORMATION ITEMS: Follow up from last week – Owen

- Follett
 - Contract - General Counsel, To Hoy responded to an email and said he would get back to us regarding the Follett contract.
 - Bookstore Scholarship – Michael Cunningham reported that it is \$10K a year. SGA rep, Sabrina Collins researched and found nothing regarding the bookstore scholarship.
 - Financial Aid – Has not responded.
 - Process for adding a 3rd party program to Blackboard – Chair Owen could not find the application. It is a three page application and puts the burden on the faculty. It goes to Follett for approval, then to the Delphi Center, and then the faculty.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair – Wallace-Boaz

- Board of Trustees- The Board of Trustees met throughout the summer. She sent the letter regarding KentuckyOne. There may be a new partnership with the state. The legislature will vote on it in January. She will send out a power point with all the details.
- Strategic Plan – This week, the Board approved the plan.
- First Faculty Senate meeting – The first meeting is on September 4th. The New Senator Orientation will take place at 2:00 p.m. in Ekstrom W210. All the committees will meet at 2:30 in the Chao to receive charges. And the regular meeting will begin at 3 p.m.
- Searches
 - The EVPRI search is still ongoing.
 - The timeline for a provost is - September 2019 – a committee is formed; October - a search firm is hired; January-February 2020 – interviews; March 2020 – bring to campus. This committee will take a look at the Attributes of an A+ Provost document.
 - Risk Management – Rhonda Bishop is leaving and Sandy Russell will be the interim.
 - ADA Compliance Officer – Brian Bigelow is leaving and not sure who the interim will be.
 - There will not be a search this year for a permanent HR director or a general counsel.

DISCUSSION: Proposed Changes to Faculty Affairs Functions and Practices – Eells

Dr. Eells was sent the recommendations last week and was asked to provide feedback. This is an effort to tighten up faculty accountability, as far as professionalism and ethics, mainly on HSC. This is intended to make practices the same across campuses. Some of the recommendations are already in place and some are new. It is yet to be determined how this will be done. One new point was to sanction faculty for not following the Cardinal Principles. It is not necessarily intended for The REDBOOK, but a policy is

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needed for progressive discipline. We need something in place before we get all the way to *Terminate with Cause*. There are steps to take before that. Consistency is also missing its current form. He talks with administrators, deans and chairs who express concern with faculty behavior. To give it some teeth, it could be a policy.

- Question: What is Faculty Affairs?
 - Reply (Eells): It's me and someone from each unit. He is an administrator from the Provost's Office and liaison to the Faculty Senate.
- Question: Don't units deal with rogue faculty?
 - Reply: Yes. The role of Faculty Affairs is support. He would like something more concrete.
- Comment: From the documents it looks like a new arm to lay down the law instead of holding on to knowledge.
 - Reply: We prefer the latter.

REQUEST: University wide Committees – Wallace-Boaz

Over the next six weeks, there will be many requests for many new university-wide committees. A survey will be sent out for nominations.

PRESENTATION: Course Evaluation Questions – Goldstein/Partin

Mr. Goldstein began by saying that each unit has full control on course evaluations. There is a great degree of variation in quality and length of the surveys - some are very detailed and others are not. Because of this, we want to create one form for all. Katie Partin researched examples from like universities. A list of universities with examples is on the back of the hand out. A work group was assembled with reps from A&S, CoB and CEHD. They met once and agreed on a set of six questions on the instructor and student motivation. We want to know if you agree with the questions and the process. Ms. Partin suggested looking at all the units' questions. They took the questions that were the same theme and tweaked those. No questions are being thrown out, but are being tweaked to get the same information. We may add two or three questions and tweak others. The plan is to get all the questions on the same page. If a unit does not want its faculty assessed on a certain aspect, we can pull those out. A brief discussion took place on a few questions. The next step is to take this to the units.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Calendar – The meeting dates for 2019/2020 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dean Reviews - The 5 year review for A&S Dean Kempf-Leonard will not take place as she has resigned.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Henry