FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on January 23, 2019 at 3 p.m. in the Jefferson Room, Grawemeyer Hall, Vice Chair David Owen presiding.

Voting Members Present:
David Owen, Krista Wallace-Boaz, Enid Trucios-Haynes, Roger Bradshaw, Diane Chlebowy, J.P. Mohsen, David Simpson, Sherri Brown, Roy Fuller, Reg Bruce, John Ferré, David Schultz

Also Attending:
Beth Boehm, Bob Goldstein, Tracy Eells, Lazaro Munoz, Ginger Brown

Voting Members Not Present:
Rob Barker

Call to Order

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Minutes – Owen
Minutes will be available at the February meeting.

REPORT: Student Government – Munoz
Following up on last week's discussion on use of scantrons and bluebooks for exams, Mr. Munoz reported that the SGA gave away about 1200 bluebooks in the fall semester. The total for distributing both scantrons and bluebooks would be about 2000.

REPORT: Staff Senate – Brown
The Staff Senate did not meet in January. The next meeting is February 11th.

REPORT: Faculty Senate Chair – Wallace-Boaz
Senate Chair Krista Wallace-Boaz reported on several topics, including:
- Strategic Planning Kick-Off – This event is tomorrow morning at 8:30 in the SAC.
- Training for Faculty Supervisors - She met and discussed Brian Buford
- Mentoring – Moving forward with this initiative. The chair encouraged participation. Senators Reg Bruce and Meg Hancock have volunteered.
- Board of Trustees – The board met on January 17th. Dan Durbin updated the board on the current financial situation.

PRESENTATION: Academic Analytics – Boehm and Goldstein
Provost Boehm presented the Academic Analytics platform that is used to evaluate UofL's graduate research programs against similar programs across the country. This is the final year of the Academic Analytics five-year contract and Provost Boehm is considering whether to extend it, or not, and is seeking faculty input. It is not be used to its full potential to evaluate research. This platform can evaluate
- The professional preparedness of faculty in a unit proposing a new graduate/PhD program
- New faculty's impact on a program and the impact a faculty's resignation will have on a program
- An endowed chair's research compared to peers
    - NOTE: Provost Boehm said it would only be used for graduate/PhD program review and not for individual faculty reviews. No faculty data is viewable outside UofL.

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Discussion on some of the facets of the platform and its cost ($130K/year) took place. The cost is split between the Provost's Office and units offering a PhD. Those units pay a proportionate amount, based on the number of PhD programs offered. The provost reported that the platform had evolved since 2014 and the data is now more useful. The deans were shown data that ranks their programs and where grants were being awarded. Some committee members expressed concern that the platform would be used to evaluate faculty and that it was geared to the hard sciences. Mr. Goldstein said the data could filtered to include citations for English or Philosophy faculty. The provost said all ACC public schools have it. Mr. Goldstein presented the platform and ran several examples of how the data could be filtered for various outcomes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – Owen
- Resolution regarding a grounding vision for strategic planning
  - A brief discussion took place on formulating a resolution for the strategic planning process. Since the planning has begun, time is too short to develop a statement. Vice Chair Owen mentioned that last year, the Budget Advisory Committee articulated a set of principles that was supported by a diverse group of people across the university. Noting that the kick-off for the Strategic Plan is tomorrow, there is no time to formulate a resolution. Vice Chair Owen will circulate the resolution drafted last year by the Budget Advisory Committee.

REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEES
- Academic Programs Committee (APC) – Barker
  - This committee is currently considering the proposal for a certificate in Distilled Spirits Business. It may be ready for the February meeting.
- Committee on Committees & Credentials (CCC) – Brown
- Part-time Faculty Committee (PTF) – Fuller
- Planning & Budget Committee (P&B) – Bruce
- REDBOOK Committee (RB) – Ferré

OLD BUSINESS
- Scantrons and Blue Books – Following up on last week's SGA report on the availability of scantrons and blue books for exams, Senator Bruce said he had asked CoB faculty about supplying students with either. He received concerns across the board.
- Faculty Diversity Data – Senate Chair Wallace-Boaz will send out this information and ask Provost Boehm to discuss it at the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS
A discussion took place on the Blackboard assessment tool. Senator Sherri Brown received a variety of comments from CEHD faculty. It appears to be a problem in that unit. Committee members from other units commented:
- A&S – Each department is different.
- Business – The Blackboard assessment tool isn't very helpful for the College of Business.
- Nursing – This unit does not use an assessment program.
- Speed School – Each department is different.

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ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 4:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Henry