FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2022

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on October 19, 2022 at 3 p.m. in Ekstrom Room W210, Vice Chair Robert Detmering presiding.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Cohn, Robert Detmering, Jose Fernandez, Roy Fuller, Kathleen Gosser, Karen Hadley, Patrick Harris, Dale McIntosh, Eugene Mueller, Chin Ng, David Schultz, Enid Trucios-Haynes, Sherri Wallace

ALSO ATTENDING

Michael Cunningham, Cherie Dawson, Mark French, Mike Materna, Beth Willey

VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Candace Harrington

CALL TO ORDER

ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - DETMERING

The minutes of the September 21st and 28th meetings were approved.

REPORT:STUDENT GOVERNMENT - SEBASTIAN

There was no report.

REPORT: STAFF SENATE - MATERNA

Mr. Materna reported that the Staff Senate met on October 11th. Reports at the meeting were made by Mr. Lee Gill, Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Dr. Raymond Burse, chair of the Presidential Search Committee and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

REPORT: AAUP – CUNNINGHAM

Faculty Senator Cunningham reported that the AAUP has representation on various committees, which includes the A&S Restructuring Committee, the Total Rewards Committee and the Presidential Faculty Consultation Committee (PFSCC). Dr. Raymond Burse selected Senator David Schultz as the chair of the PFSCC and other members. The AAUP is also working with the United Campus Workers of Kentucky.

REPORT: FACULTY SENATE CHAIR – MUELLER

Senate Chair Mueller reported on the following topics.

Ad Hoc Committee on Course Evaluation – This initiative is moving forward.

Presidential Search Committee – The search committee has completed its work and the finalists will meet with the Board of Trustees. Chair Mueller said that the confidentiality of the search is more important than most realize.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – DETMERING

- ONLINE LEARNING FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION DETMERING
- A discussion took place regarding the lack of a strategic plan for online learning and premiums charged for fully-online programs.
- CARDINAL CORE DISCUSSION WILLEY/FRENCH

The committee discussed various issues pertaining to the Cardinal Core general education program with Dr. Beth Willey, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education. Topics included current Cardinal Core initiatives (such as a digital literacy badge that remains in development)

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and concerns raised by some members of the committee regarding duplicative or overly similar courses competing with each other across units. Dr. Willey also shared an analysis from the Office of Academic Planning and Accountability comparing general education credit hours preand post-Cardinal Core (linked here). The committee will continue to encourage the administration to monitor the potential impact of Cardinal Core on individual units, including any financial impacts.

SENATE ENGAGEMENT W/DEANS - DETMERING

In an effort in improving communication among the senate, central administration, and unit deans, the Executive Committee is interested in having deans provide occasional updates to the Senate in order to strengthen communication within and across units. Though the Faculty Senate plays a role in communication, it is not considered the official tool for faculty communications across units.

FACULTY ROLE IN STUDENT SUCCESS / OTHER PRIORITIES – DETMERING

This committee is scheduled to meet with Dr. Amy Lingo, Interim Dean of CEHD, who is working on campus-wide strategies in this area. When asked what other guests to invite to report to this committee a discussion took place on the lack of research grant information available for Belknap faculty and the overall decrease in research support on that campus. Dr. Kevin Gardner will be invited to attend the November 16th meeting.

REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEES

- Academic Programs Committee (APC) Harrington
 - No report was made.
- Committee on Committee & Credentials (CCC) Gosser
 - This committee reported on the Special Election results.
- Part-time Faculty Committee (PTF) Fuller •
 - This committee met last week with Barbara Santamouris, the University Controller to discuss issues with part-time faculty pay.
- Planning & Budget Committee (P&B) Harris
 - This committee will meet on November 15th with the College of Business proposers for a new center.
- The REDBOOK & Bylaws Committee (RB) Dale McIntosh
 - This committee has received the draft revisions of The REDBOOK chapters two and three to review.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted, Gretchen Henry Senate Coordinator