

**FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2023**

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on January 18, 2023 at 3 p.m. on the TEAMS platform, Vice Chair Robert Detmering presiding.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Cohn, Robert Detmering, Jose Fernandez, Roy Fuller, Kathleen Gosser. Karen Hadley, Candace Harrington, Patrick Harris, Eugene Muller, Chin Ng, David Schultz, Sherri Wallace

ALSO ATTENDING

Michael Cunningham, Cherie Dawson-Edwards, Becky Patterson

VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Enid Trucios-Haynes

CALL TO ORDER

ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - DETMERING

The minutes will be considered for approval at next week's meeting.

REPORT:STUDENT GOVERNMENT - SEBASTIAN

There was no report.

REPORT: STAFF SENATE - PATTERSON

There was no report. The Staff Senate does not meet in January. The next scheduled meeting is February 14, 2023.

REPORT: AAUP – CUNNINGHAM

There was no report.

REPORT: FACULTY SENATE CHAIR – MUELLER

Senate Chair Mueller reported on the following topics.

Shared Governance Work Group – This group met recently and had a productive discussion. Any of the issues that were mentioned will be tackled once Dr. Gonzalez has returned to the Provost Office and Dr. Schatzel is officially seated as President. From this meeting, it was mentioned that the Graduate Student Council would like to send a representative to the Faculty Senate. Chair Mueller requested a name be forwarded to him to invite to the next Faculty Senate meeting. He asked if the Executive Committee would like to extend an invitation, as well.

Comment: It is a good idea to invite a representative from the Graduate Student Council to an Executive Committee meeting before they attend a full Faculty Senate meeting. This would give the Graduate Council time to work out how to relate to the Faculty Senate as a whole.

Comment: The SGA technically represents graduate students, but it seems, in practice, that does not happen.

Comment: It may be a good idea to ask the SGA representative about the SGA's relationship with other UofL student groups.

Comment: Many of the graduate and professional students are adult learners already in a career, many with families. Their needs are very different than the undergraduate student population.

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University-Wide Committee – A faculty member is sought for a new committee that is being formed for Microcredentialing. A call will be made to the full Faculty Senate.

Resolution for Interims President and Provost – Dr. Mueller sought and received committee approval to create declarations of appreciation for Dr. Gonzalez and Dr. Bradley.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS – DETMERING

Faculty Priorities for the New President – Committee Chair Detmering sought input from committee members on what issues/topics to follow up on with the incoming president. The following subjects were discussed.

- **Comment** - Over the past three years, there has been a perceived decrease in faculty representation on various high-level administrative committees (the Budget Monitoring Committee and the Task Force for Tuition and Fee Setting, for example). Other committee members added that they had noticed the same decrease or an annual rotation of these committees' members. Though faculty representation is important, committee membership should be for two years to provide enough time for understanding the committee charge. Often, the Faculty Senate chair and vice chair are placed on these committees when other faculty could serve, broadening the vision of the committee.
- **Comment** – It is important to get the approval process for university policies coordinated with this new administration. Anything that impacts faculty welfare, should be approved by the Faculty Senate.
- **Comment** – I would like to ask the new president what she has done in the past to deal with low faculty morale.
- **Comment** – It would be nice to hear what her plans are and what she thinks about the reorganization of the various units and if that will still be happening. Also, the area of academic computing is a big issue. Most universities have a centralized system. Ours is so decentralized that you can have a different experience in every building. There must be cost inefficiencies, as well as the obvious technical inefficiencies.
- **Comment** – On the topic of faculty morale, I would like the faculty to say, we know this is a long-standing issue and we would like to work with you to improve it.
- **Comment** – If we are truly governing, we should take responsibility for faculty morale and do what we can do and not expect it to be done for us.
- **Comment** – I would like to know her thoughts on innovation. With the world changing so quickly, innovation is what will help us sustain our existence.
- **Comment** - The issues of merit raises and the three-year evaluation window need to be addressed.

February Meetings – Committee Chair Detmering is scheduled for jury duty next month. He asked for volunteers to chair the meetings and Dr. Mueller agreed.

REPORTS: STANDING COMMITTEES - Committee reports were rescheduled to next week's meeting.

- Academic Programs Committee (APC) - Harrington
- Committee on Committee & Credentials (CCC) - Gosser
- Part-time Faculty Committee (PTF) - Fuller
- Planning & Budget Committee (P&B) - Harris
- The REDBOOK & Bylaws Committee (RB) - Cohn

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OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Henry
Senate Coordinator