

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
2012-2013

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
September 11, 2012
3:30 p.m., HMSU 227

Present: V. Sheets, A. Anderson, K. Bolinger, J. Conant, T. Hawkins, B. Kilp, E. Lorenzen,
C. Olsen, T. Sawyer
Ex Officio: President Bradley
Guests: R. Guell, S. Powers

I. Administrative reports

President Bradley:

- a. Will be attending the Commission of Higher Education meeting on Friday to discussion the Commission's formula for funding. He will argue that the formula is flawed.
- b. The school year started very well highlighted by increased enrollment and the dedication of John W. Moore Welcome Center and the Federal Building.

Provost Maynard: Was not able to attend today's Executive Committee meeting. He is attending David Sabaini's (Professor Emeritus of Communications) memorial service.

II. Chair report, V. Sheets: No report.

III. **MOTION TO APPROVE** the Executive Committee Minutes of August 28, 2012 (A. Anderson/B. Kilp; vote: 8-0-0).

IV. Fifteen Minute Open Discussion:

- a. Childcare Center update: The movement toward renovation is on hold until accreditation issues are resolved.
- b. Budget Committee: The President will be willing to include the Senate Officers and one chair from either AAC or FEBC in the process of reviewing the budget in the short term. In the long-term, he is willing to develop a proposal for a University budget committee similar to the current Health Benefits Committee and bring back to the Executive Committee for review.
- c. Summer school bracketing was discussed as a money saving effort. It is based on each summer term. This is the case since each summer term is in a different fiscal year. The savings would be approximately a third for the students. The majority of students are taking distance education courses. Very few face-to-face courses are offered and cancelled at the last minute.

V. Informational Items:

- a. R. Guell/S. Lamb's amendment:
Bob Guell provided an overview of what was discussed in the development of the amendment for voting rights for instructors. The end result (if the current language were approved) would be that multi-year faculty (Instructors) would not be allowed to vote on chair appointments or non-reappointments or serve on the Faculty Senate.
- b. Sedona Presentation:
Susan Powers provided an overview of the new faculty e-portfolio software – Sedona. She provided a handout for the Executive Committee to review. The e-portfolio will be rolled out in November to the faculty. Sedona can be customized by ISU. This tool will be used for the bi-annual review. It will be customized for the Colleges and the departments. A great deal of information can and will be preloaded (e.g., committee membership, courses taught each semester, etc.) for each faculty member.

VI. New Business:

- a. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Standing Committee Charges (A. Anderson/J. Conant; vote: 9-0-0).

There was some discussion regarding the charges and a few additions to AAC and FAC were approved.

- b. Voting Rights Amendment Clarification:
There was much discussion regarding the voting rights of multi-year contract faculty (instructor). It was decided that the language in the amendment is clear as written and it means that – “instructors cannot run for Senate or vote on a chair’s appointment or non-appointment; but, have all other rights as tenure and tenure track currently enjoy.
- c. Attendance Amendment:
The Executive Committee decided to send this amendment back to FAC to reconsider. The discussion focused on the need, should it be a Constitutional amendment or a By-law amendment. Maybe what the real issue is the definition of a Senate quorum. Should the quorum remain two-thirds or changed to 50% plus one?

VII. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** 5:35 p.m. (V. Sheets/B. Kilp; vote: 8-0-0)