

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE  
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Members present: Kevin Ayotte (Chair), Thomas Holyoke (Vice Chair), Abigail Hudson (ASI), Michael Jenkins (At-large), Madhu Katti (At-large), Loretta Kensinger (State-wide), Melanie Ram (University-wide), and Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-large)

Members absent: Joseph I. Castro (Ex-officio) and Lynnette Zelezny (Ex-officio)

Guests: Venita Baker

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ayotte at 3:07pm in HML 2106

1.) Approval of the agenda

MSC approving the agenda

2.) Approval of the Minutes of October 5, 2015

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3.) Communications and announcements

a.) Senator Kensinger (Statewide Academic Senate)

Announced that she will be asking the Academic Senate to observe a moment of silence honoring Dr. Paulette Fleming and Mr. Edward Lund of the Department of Art and Design who both recently passed away.

b.) Senator Raya-Fernandez (At-large)

Psychological Services just held National Depression Screening Day, and over 100 students came for help, which is a number higher than normal. Students are being diagnosed as having a number of complex issues right now, including very high levels of stress. She wants professors to be aware of this. She is also concerned that while the demand from students is growing, resources are not and appointments are now being booked 3-4 weeks in advance even though the need for help is immediate.

c.) Madhu Katti (At-large)

Expressed concern about the email that came from the Provost late Thursday night about allowing Muslim students to not attend Friday classes. The email suggested a threat and was very unclear. Senator Katti and Chair Ayotte (and others) had emailed the Provost to ask for clarification and express some dismay about the email. Chair Ayotte noted that the Provost had not personally sent the email and issued a much clearer email on Friday. The Provost also had told Chair Ayotte that in the future she will personally write all emails coming from her.

d.) Action items

- 1.) Memo dated October 8, 2015, from James Mullooly, Chair of AP&P, to Kevin Ayotte, Academic Senate re: New APM on Preferred Names. Memo has been received.

It was decided to place this on the agenda of the next meeting of the Senate Executive Committee.

- 2.) Nominees for faculty representation. Nominees have been received for three committees and will be handled in executive session.

4.) Executive session

The Senate Executive Committee entered executive session at 3:37pm.

The Senate Executive Committee returned from executive session at 3:53pm.

MSC appointing Dr. Jason Whiting (Recreation Administration) to the Student Recreation Center Advisory Council.

MSC appointing Dr. Kathryn Forbes (Women's Studies) to the search committee for a new Title IX director.

MSC appointing Dr. Bruce Roberts (Plant Science) to the search committee for a new Title IX director.

The executive committee did not act on the appointment of faculty members to the Grants and Research Advisory Board and this will appear on the committee's agenda at the next meeting.

The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 3:53pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at 3:00pm on Monday, October 19, 2015.

Submitted by:  
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Vice Chair  
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Approved by:  
Kevin Ayotte  
Chair  
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