

THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
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Members present: Kevin Ayotte (Chair), Thomas Holyoke (Vice Chair), Joseph I. Castro (Ex-officio), Abigail Hudson (ASI), Michael Jenkins (At-large), Loretta Kensinger (State-wide), Melanie Ram (University-wide), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-large), Lynette Zelezny (Ex-officio)

Members excused: Madhu Katti (At-large)

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 November 23, 2015

Amendments made to the Minutes

MSC approving the Minutes of November 23, 2015

3.) Communications and announcements

a.) President Castro

Noted that the strategic planning process is moving forward quickly. Just this morning the committee “scrubbed” language on the themes associated with each broad priority. Also, in response to a lot of community input, they added a new priority - community engagement. By January the new strategic plan should be finished.

Noted that we are moving ahead with the search for a new Vice President for Administration. He hopes that we will have a search committee ready to go in January, and it will be chaired by Provost Zelezny. He noted that we are also finishing up the search for a new executive director of government relations, with three people coming to campus for interviews in December.

b.) Provost Zelezny

She discussed changes in her office staff. They hired a new student assistant, Ms. Marina Pedra, who is a freshman in the Smittcamp Honors College. Elise Rodriguez has just left to become the executive assistant to the new Chief Information Officer. Daunette Dryden is being brought over from Continuing and Global Education to handle duties in the Provost's office.

c.) President Hudson (ASI)

Wayfinders, a university program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, contacted ASI about the fees their students pay. Apparently the students were supposed to start paying fees to the University Student Union and the Student Recreation Center, and in return they would be allowed to use these recreational facilities. Apparently this is not happening. ASI is looking into this, but it looks like Wayfinders students will not have to pay the USU fee and can use facilities there for free, but will start paying the Recreation Center fee.

4) Review of Senate Governing Documents

There was considerable discussion about how to go about reviewing the Constitution of the Academic Assembly, the Bylaws of the Academic Senate, and the Bylaws of the Senate Executive Committee. It was decided that in the spring semester, on Mondays when the executive committee did not formally meet, interested committee members would meet and review the documents one by one (starting with the Constitution). Chair Ayotte will also reach out to the chairs of the standing committees to see if they, or any of their members, want to be involved, as well as ask them to indicate if they believe there are particular problems in the documents that need to be fixed.

5) Exemption from M/I Requirement

There is nothing new here, but Chair Ayotte will contact Paul Crosbie, Chair of the General Education Committee, to see if they have analyzed the assessment data from the Craig School of Business to see if it is successfully complying with the GE M/I requirement. Matt Jendian, Chair of the Sociology Department, will be invited to any meeting where the Executive Committee discusses this matter with Chair Crosbie.

The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 3:32pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at 3:00pm on Monday, January 25, 2015.

Submitted by:
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Approved by:
Kevin Ayotte
Chair
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