

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), Loretta Kensinger (At-large), Melanie Ram (University-wide), Rebecca Raya-Fernandez (At-large), and Lynnette Zelezny (Ex-officio)

Members excused: Otto Benavides (Statewide Senator), Joseph I. Castro (Ex-officio), and Michael Jenkins (At-large)

Guests: Venita Baker, Paul Crosbie (GE Committee), Marianne Jackson (Student Affairs Committee), and James Mullooly (AP&P Committee)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ayotte at 3:07pm in HML 2108.

1.) Approval of the agenda

MSC approving the agenda

2.) Approval of the Minutes of May 2, 2016

A friendly amendment was offered

A discussion of committee and sub-committee work began. AP&P Chair Mullooly indicated that the Library Subcommittee has asked to be disbanded. Senator Ram (University-wide) asked about committee and sub-committee annual reports. Chair Ayotte indicated that he will be sending an email to all chairs to remind them to submit their reports, and to make sure that they are posting all of their meeting minutes. Senator Ram said she was concerned about committees not meeting, and faculty claiming they were fulfilling service requirements without actually doing anything by being on a committee that meets. AP&P Chair Mullooly noted that he is pushing his subcommittees to send him

minutes, proving that they had met. He also asked that when the Executive Committee refers an item to a sub-committee of AP&P that they also copy him so that he is aware of it.

MSC approving the Minutes of May 2, 2016, as amended

3.) Communications and announcements

a. Provost Zelezny

Congratulated Chair Ayotte and Vice Chair Holyoke on being re-elected, as well as Senator Kensinger being re-elected to the Senate Executive Committee.

Announced that Andrew Fiala (Philosophy) has been appointed as Ethicist in Residence at the Lyles Center for Entrepreneurship.

Senator Kensinger (At-large) thanked the Provost for the Provost's Awards Ceremony.

President Hudson (ASI) thanked everyone on the Executive Committee for being collegial. There was a discussion as to whether she could make it to the Executive Committee reception honoring her next week.

Senator Ram (University-wide) asked if there had been a change in the criteria for using IRA funds. President Hudson was not aware of any change. She did note that the make-up of the committee responsible for considering IRA applications is being placed under the authority of the Campus Advisory Committee. The Provost noted that IRA applications may be drawing a little more scrutiny because they are to be used for one-time expenses, not funding on-going programs. Chair Ayotte noted that some items that Vice President Lamas (Student Affairs) wants to fund with IRA grants may be ineligible because they are not instructionally related, which is mandated by the Chancellor's Office.

b. Action items

- i. Memo dated May 2, 2016, from Venita Baker, Office Coordinator, Academic Senate to: Dr. Kevin Ayotte, Academic

Senate Chair re: Nominations to the Nominating / Elections Committee. Memo has been received.

It was decided to place approval of the re-appointment of Patricia LaRosa (Craig School of Business) to the Nomination and Elections Committee on the Consent Calendar of the first meeting of the Academic Senate in the fall semester of 2016.

- ii. Email dated May 2, 2016, from Marianne Jackson, Chair Student Affairs Committee re: APM 205 Policy on Undergraduate Student Academic Advising. Email has been received.

It was decided to advance this item to the agenda of the Academic Senate in the fall semester of 2016.

- iii. Email dated May 1, 2016, from Paul Crosbie, Chair General Education Committee to: Kevin Ayotte, Chair Academic Senate re: Amendment to GE Policies, Upper Division GE. Email has been received.

The GE Committee and Dean Fu (Undergraduate Studies) want to make it possible for students to take one upper level GE course from the department where they are earning their major. Students may be able to double count the course both for GE and for their major. They argue that this is needed because there is a bottleneck in taking GE Courses and completing courses for majors under the 120 unit cap set by the Chancellor's Office and the State Legislature.

Senator Kensinger (At-large) expressed concern regarding the impact this might have on colleges and departments in terms of losing FTEs in GE courses. GE Chair Crosbie doubted this would harm department FTEs much since departments losing enrollment in GE courses might well make it up with more students enrolling in their major courses. He emphasized that the GE Committee unanimously approved this change.

Senator Ram (University-wide) asked what GE courses were causing the bottleneck. Dean Fu has a list.

This item will be placed on the next agenda of the Senate Executive Committee in the fall semester and Dean Fu will be asked to come with written information detailing the course bottleneck.

GE Chair Crosbie announced that Vince Biondo (Philosophy) was elected chair of the GE Committee starting in the fall semester.

4.) Interim Policy on Administrative Policies. Second reading.

Members of the Executive Committee were satisfied with Interim VP Astone's (Administration) explanation at the last meeting, provided that she keeps in mind the concerns expressed by the committee.

5.) New APM Policy on Preferred Names. First reading.

AP&P Chair Mullooly summarized the proposed new policy. He has been trying to talk to somebody in technology to see if there is software that can actually implement this policy. Nobody has gotten back to him yet. The Provost recommended that he contact CIO Leon.

The Provost noted that with this new policy we are trying to be forward thinking about the preferred identities of students and staff. There have been some problems on the campus with faculty refusing to use the first names that students are asking them to use.

Senator Ram (University-wide) asked what the procedure is for changing names in university records and whether a procedure should be written into the proposed policy. Chair Ayotte indicated that we usually try not to write procedures into the APM.

Vice Chair Holyoke expressed several concerns about the language in the policy, especially the last sentence in the first paragraph which identifies particular groups this policy is specifically intended to help.

This item will return for a second reading at the next meeting of the Senate Executive Committee.

The Senate Executive Committee adjourned at 3:57pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be in the fall semester of 2016.

Submitted by:
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