

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Belli, Buan, Fech, Hanrahan, Kolbe, Minter, Peterson, Vakilzadian
Absent: Adenwalla, Franco Cruz, Latta Konecky, Minter, Purcell, Woodman
Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2019
Location: 201 Canfield Administration

Note: These are not verbatim minutes. They are a summary of the discussions at the Executive Committee meeting as corrected by those participating.

1.0 Call (*Hanrahan*)

Hanrahan called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2.0 Chancellor Green

2.1 Process for Faculty Nominations to University Committees

Hanrahan stated that he found in working with AVC Walker that it was helpful when she provided a list of upcoming things that would need faculty participation. He suggested that there be a policy about the administration communicating with the Senate President and/or Executive Committee about new committees or taskforces and what the responsibilities, goals, and membership requirements would be for the committee. He noted that it might be helpful to work with the Senate President to develop the final charge of a committee. He pointed out that providing a two week time period to identify faculty members to serve on committees is needed and suggested the Committee on Committees could help identify people who would be willing to serve, or keep a list of potential faculty members who would be willing to participate. Buan reported that she often hears from people that the same faculty members are selected to serve on committees. Fech suggested that a robust pool of faculty members willing to serve on committees be developed by the Committee on Committees.

Chancellor Green stated that he supports establishing a process that would identify faculty members to serve on committees created by the administration and would describe the function, objectives and the structure of the committees. He noted that the administrator could inform the Senate Executive Committee how many faculty members would be needed and the Executive Committee could then provide a list of names that he would choose from. He pointed out that his one concern is that sometimes there is a sense of urgency requiring a committee to be formed quickly, and it could be challenging to adhere to this process for some taskforces and committees.

Chancellor noted that an upcoming search committee for the VC for Student Affairs will be formed and it will be a national search. He said that the goal is to get the position description posted in October, and suggested that Hanrahan begin talking with Interim EVC Moberly about the search committee.

Hanrahan noted that the process of identifying faculty members to serve on committees could be somewhat of a variation of what we already are doing with deans' searches. He stated that the Senate President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, could review the list of suggested faculty members to serve on a search committee, but could indicate if it was felt that a faculty member was not suitable for the committee and would explain the reason for the concern. He noted that the Senate President could also suggest other faculty members to serve on a search committee.

Hanrahan stated that work will begin on creating a database of faculty members who would be interested in serving on administrative committees/taskforces. He stated that he hopes we can broaden the participation of faculty members across the campus.

2.2 Updates

2.2.1 Executive Vice Chancellor Search

Chancellor Green reported that the search is going well and the committee is screening candidates for the semi-finalist stage. He stated that the pool of candidates is very strong and he is pleased with the applicants that he has seen so far. Hanrahan asked if more than one finalist will be brought to campus for interviews. Chancellor Green reported that probably four candidates will be interviewed on campus, hopefully sometime in October.

Vakilzadian asked what qualifications the Chancellor views as priorities for the EVC. Chancellor Green stated that his priorities closely follow the qualifications listed in the position description (see <https://www.unl.edu/chancellor/evcaa-search>). He pointed out that he wants a strong academic leader who has significant administrative experience and who is committed to serving in the EVC role.

2.2.2 2025 Strategic Plan Rollout

Chancellor Green reported that the co-chairs of the 2025 Strategic Plan have received feedback from the campus leadership on the final draft of the plan, and the plan will be rolled out at a Town Hall meeting on September 23rd. He stated that after the Town Hall meeting campus conversations will begin. He noted that he thinks it is an excellent plan, with multiple core aims and targets. Buan asked if the targets are aspirational. Chancellor Green stated that they are appropriately aspirational, and he believes they are the right ones. Zeleny stated that it was more difficult for the committee to identify short-term targets for the five-year time frame than it would have been for a ten-year time frame.

2.2.3 Bylaw Changes

Chancellor Green stated that there has been considerable discussion by the group working on the proposed bylaw changes in the last few weeks and members of the group met with legal counsel to discuss the proposed revisions to the Regents Bylaws. He noted that one proposed change that legal counsel was concerned with was in regards to the assignment of duties. He stated that another proposed change that was questioned by legal counsel was the use of the term emergency

suspension. He noted that legal counsel proposed using the term administrative leave, but he and AVC Walker proposed immediate suspension instead.

Chancellor Green stated that legal counsel did have some concern over the elimination of a separate set of procedures for professional conduct. He noted that the next step will be for all of the Chief Academic Officers at the other campuses to agree with the proposed changes. Hanrahan asked when this will occur. Chancellor Green pointed out that Board of Regents Bylaw revisions must be approved by all of the campuses before going to the Board for approval.

Hanrahan asked what the status is of the proposed revisions to the Extension Educator Bylaws. Chancellor Green stated that it has not gone forward yet, but it should be put forward with the other proposed changes.

2.2.4 Title IX Collaborative Work Group

Chancellor Green noted that it has recently been announced that he is forming a Title IX Collaborative Work Group to advise and improve efforts to address sexual assault and harassment on campus. He noted that it will be a large group with wide constituency and he hopes to have the appointments made in October.

Hanrahan asked why the Dear UNL Group is not included in the membership. Chancellor Green pointed out that they are not a recognized student organization, but they certainly may be represented through recommendation of student government. He noted that all of the other groups are recognized groups or units. He reported that he has spoken with members of the Dear UNL Group and suggested that there would be opportunity for representation. He noted that ASUN and GSA will both be involved in identifying student members.

3.0 Announcements

3.1 New Faculty Orientation

Hanrahan reported that he made a presentation at the New Faculty Orientation in August. He noted that during his presentation he asked the new faculty members to identify their Senator after which he collected the information and created a database which allowed him to contact the new faculty member and introduce them to their Senator. He stated the feedback from this communication has been very positive and many of the Senators have reached out to invite the new faculty member to meet with them.

Hanrahan stated that he and Griffin had a table at the New Faculty Orientation Information Fair and spoke with a number of the new professors providing them with a handout about the Faculty Senate and shared governance and included a list of faculty resources.

3.2 LGBTQA+ Banquet

Hanrahan asked if any of the Executive Committee members felt that the Committee should reserve a table for the LGBTQA+ banquet. A number of members would be unable to attend the event, but felt that the Senate should be in support of the banquet.

3.3 Meeting with Legal Counsel

Hanrahan reported that he, AVC Walker, and Professor Schleck met with legal counsel to discuss the proposed changes to the Regents Bylaws.

4.0 Approval of August 27, 2019 Minutes

Hanrahan asked if there were any further revisions to the August 27th minutes. Hearing none he asked for approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee.

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Executive Committee Goals for 2019-2020

The Executive Committee worked on revising the goals for the 2019-2020 academic year. The Committee agreed to refine the goals at the following meeting.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Executive Goals Timelines

Item postponed.

6.2 Executive Committee Goals Action Items

Item postponed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in 203 Alexander Building. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Joan Latta Konecky, Secretary.