

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Baesu, Bearnese, Boudreau, Dawes, Eklund, Kopocis, Lott, Minter, Paul, Shrader, Tschetter, Zuckerman

Absent: Vakilzadian

Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Location: 203 Alexander Building

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 (*Kopocis*)

Kopocis called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

2.1 Emergency Board of Regents Meeting

Kopocis reported that the Board of Regents were holding an emergency meeting at 11:00 on Friday, August 25th. She assumed the meeting would be to discuss President Carter's announcement that he would be leaving his position to become President at The Ohio State University.

2.2 Meeting with President Carter to Discuss the Faculty Senate's Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

Kopocis reported that she, along with Professor Barney McCoy, outgoing chair of the IAC, and Professor Barber, new chair of the IAC, met with President Carter to discuss the changes in Athletics reporting and whether it would impact the work of the IAC. Kopocis noted that the IAC would continue to work as it has been for numerous years.

2.3 Meeting with Provost Gold

Kopocis stated that she met with Provost Gold and they discussed the number of duplicate programs on multiple campuses within the university and whether any decisions were made about the duplicate programs. She stated that he suggested that she look at the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education's website for the minimum performance standards needed to continue a program (https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/sites/ccpe.nebraska.gov/files/AP_Guidelines_Review%20of%20Existing%20Instructional%20Programs.pdf).

2.4 Meeting with Chancellor Bennett

Kopocis noted that she now has one-on-one meetings scheduled with Chancellor Bennett through the rest of this year.

3.0 Approval of August 8, 2023 Minutes

Kopocis asked if there were any revisions for the minutes. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Boudreau moved and Shrader seconded approval of the minutes. The Executive Committee then voted to approve the minutes.

4.0 Unfinished Business

4.1 Update on EM 16 Committee (Shrader)

Shrader reported that the committee did meet earlier in the summer but due to travel by several of the committee members and research work being conducted, the committee was not able to meet again over the summer. He noted that the committee will meet during this semester.

Eklund asked if Executive Committee members have heard from any faculty members that they have encountered problems since EM 16 was revised. Shrader stated that some of his colleagues are very frustrated that they cannot use Google docs which is impacting their research. Zuckerman agreed and pointed out that it is difficult to collaborate with people outside of the university because of this restriction.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Agenda Items for Chancellor Bennett and EVC Ankerson

The Executive Committee identified the following agenda items:

- What are your first impressions of UNL since being on campus? What do you see as our strengths and what areas need improvement? What do you think you will focus on first?
- There is considerable concern about the deadline for the budget reduction process and whether the December 31 deadline is feasible, particularly since we are not even aware of the actual figures yet. Can you address these concerns?
- What will happen with the 5-point budget plan now that President Carter has announced his departure? Are we still on track to improve our research visibility and rankings given the President's announcement?
- Rather than looking to hire outside faculty who are members of national academies, can we focus on helping some of our current faculty members get into these academies?
- Fall enrollment numbers. Are the 6-day census numbers available?
- What is the state of the incentive-based budget model? No updates on it have been provided, particularly in how it is affecting the colleges.

5.2 Review of Proposed Revisions to Guidelines for Faculty Evaluation

The Executive Committee reviewed the proposed revisions to the Guidelines. Zuckerman reported that she received feedback from a couple of her colleagues who had a few suggestions which she would forward to the Committee members. Kopocis noted that the Committee would be meeting with AVC Walker next week to discuss the proposed revisions. She stated that the hope is that the proposed revisions could be presented to the Senate as a motion at the September 5th meeting, but voting would not take place until the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in 201 Canfield Administration Building. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Signe Boudreau, Secretary.