

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

Absent: Lott

Date: Tuesday, October 10, 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 2:38 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

2.1 Resignation from Executive Committee

Kopocis reported that Paul needs to step down from serving on the Executive Committee due to the Center she works for receiving two large grants which Paul needs to be actively involved with. As a result, the open seat on the Committee will need to be filled. Griffin pointed out that Paul served as a non-tenure track faculty representative and that the position should be filled by a non-tenure track senator. She stated that she would send out a call for nominations to the Senate and that an election would need to occur.

2.2 Open House on Health Care Benefit Changes

Minter reported that she went to the open house on the health care benefits changes that will become effective January 1. She noted that it was fairly well attended but the insurance coverage rates were not available yet. She stated that the prescription firm was there as well as representatives from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. She pointed out that there will be some online open house sessions coming up.

3.0 Approval of October 3, 2023 Minutes

Kopocis asked if there were any further revisions to the minutes. Hearing none she asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Vakilzadian moved and Eklund seconded approving the minutes. Motion approved by the Executive Committee.

4.0 Unfinished Business

4.1 Suggested Revisions to Guidelines for Faculty Evaluation

Minter reported that she put together the feedback received on the proposed revisions to the Guidelines for Faculty Evaluations, and she then met with AVC Walker to refine the suggestions made from the feedback. She noted that AVC Walker appreciated the feedback that we received. Minter pointed out that there were some suggestions that had been previously discussed and considered so these were not included in the newly proposed language. She suggested the proposed additional revisions be introduced as a

friendly amendment to the proposed revisions presented to the Faculty Senate at the October 3rd Senate meeting.

Vakilzadian moved to present the friendly amendments as the November 7th meeting. Motion seconded by Eklund and approved by the Executive Committee.

5.0 New Business

5.1 15th Week Policy Proposed Revisions (ASUN President Paul Pechous and Co-Chair of Academics Committee Summer Liu)

Pechous noted that the last update to the 15th week policy occurred in 2007 and after speaking with students and faculty, there was the general consensus that the policy could be simplified and needed some refreshing. He stated that with the proposed revisions from ASUN it is hoped that the policy would ease concerns for the faculty and students on what can be done during the 15th week of classes. He pointed out that there are no real substantive changes being proposed, although the reporting policy of violations of the policy would no longer go to ASUN. Instead, students should first speak with the instructor, then the department chair, the dean, and to the EVC office if the problem is not addressed.

Kopocis stated that her concern is with the process for changing the final exam time. She noted that to change the final exam time it must be mutually agreeable to all, but there is no explanation of how this consent would be obtained. She pointed out that the process needs to be anonymous to protect those students who may not agree with changing the exam time. Minter suggested rewording the language in this section.

Liu stated that she would like to see a resolution for including language that a faculty member could not introduce new materials during the 15th week. Kopocis noted that if we move to a 14-week semester there won't be any time to allow for a policy similar to the 15th week policy.

Baesu stated that there should be a provision that faculty should address various issues that may arise with a student in not being able to take an exam at a particular time, however, she noted that we need to be very careful with this because there will be students who will try to get out of taking a final exam on false pretenses.

Kopocis asked if ASUN was discussing whether NARCAN should be available in the residence halls. Pechous reported that there is a student looking into this issue and there have been discussions with RAs and with the Greek houses. He stated that some of the national housing boards of the Greek houses seem against it, and he noted that RAs would have to be trained in how to use it. He noted that there are several concerns, but it is available for free at the University Health Center. He pointed out that currently the University has no policy on it. The Executive Committee agreed to discuss this with Chancellor Bennett and invite Chief Ramzah to a meeting to discuss the issue.

5.2 Report on Board of Regents Meeting

Kopocis reported that Regent Stark asked for an addition to the core leadership pillars in the search for a new President. She stated that he asked to include that the new President be a leader in research and health care and noted that the Board of Regents approved the addition.

Kopocis stated that the renovation of the stadium was on the agenda and noted that concern was voiced that there could be a conflict between the current capital campaign fundraising efforts and fundraising efforts for the renovation of the stadium. Shrader questioned what the urgency was for the renovation. Kopocis reported that there are issues with ADA compliance and other improvements need to be made. She stated that the Board approved the program statement for the stadium improvement project.

Kopocis reported that after the Regents meeting the Faculty Senate Presidents met with Provost Gold and there was discussion about a proposal from Senator Dungan of the State Legislature to have Narcan widely available on campus. She stated that one concern is how the expiration date of the drug would be monitored if it is widely distributed on campus. She noted that it is available for free at the health center. The Committee agreed to discuss this issue with Chancellor Bennett at the next meeting with him.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in 203 Alexander Building. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Signe Boudreau, Secretary.