

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

Absent:

Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024

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*)

Eklund called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

2.1 Outgoing Executive Committee Members

Eklund noted that several Executive Committee members' terms were ending with this meeting. He reported that this was Kopocis' last meeting as Faculty Senate President although she will remain on the Committee as Past President. He noted that Zuckerman and Baesu's terms as Executive Committee members were ending, and Minter was leaving as Past President and going off the Senate. He thanked everyone for their service and pointed out that they will be missed.

3.0 Approval of April 16, 2024 Minutes

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

4.0 Unfinished Business

4.1 Proposed Designated Study Week Policy

Kopocis noted that while there are some proposed revisions that seem fine, there are several that she believes would not be acceptable to the faculty. She stated that one of the major disagreements is that ASUN wants to change the deadline date from the 12th week to the 8th week if the instructor is replacing the final exam with either a project, paper, or speech. She noted that there is not an urgent need to change the policy since it would not go into effect this semester and she suggested that the Executive Committee could address it this summer. Griffin pointed out that the full Faculty Senate will need to vote on any revisions and the proposed revisions could be presented to the Senate at the September meeting. Eklund moved to table the proposed Designated Study Week Policy. Tschetter seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee reviewed and recommended revisions to the draft report which summarizes the work of the Executive Committee during the 2023-2024 academic year. The report will be presented to the Faculty Senate at the May 7th meeting.

5.2 Faculty Senate Meeting

The Executive Committee discussed the agenda for the May 7th meeting agreeing to have the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor Zeleny speak before the Executive Committee elections are held.

5.3 Google Program

Minter reported that during a recent APC meeting concerns were raised about the Google course program and how some of these courses are competing with courses offered at the University already. Kopocis stated that the faculty in the School of Computing are very angry about the Google courses, many of these courses are already being taught by their department. She pointed out that this is the first time a program is coming from the University system. Minter noted that the curriculum is supposed to be controlled by the faculty, not administrators at the system level and this agreement was a big overstep in terms of shared governance pointing out that there was no communication from the system that this program was being considered. Kopocis reported that it is her understanding that the CAOs have been discussing the issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, immediately following the Faculty Senate meeting. The meeting will be held in the Nebraska Union, Regency Suite. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Signe Boudreau, Secretary.