

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Baesu, Bearnese, Bouma, Boudreau, Dawes, Eklund, Kopocis, Leiter, Lott, Shradler, Tschetter, Vakilzadian, VanderPlas

Absent:

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Location: Nebraska Union, Regency Suite

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 4:15 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

2.1 Welcome New Executive Committee Members

Eklund first thanked the returning members of the Executive Committee and then gave a big welcome to new members Rich Leiter and Susan VanderPlas and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

3.0 Approval of April 30, 2024 Minutes

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

4.0 Unfinished Business

4.1 Faculty Budget Committee

Eklund noted that at the last Executive Committee meeting there was a discussion about the Faculty Budget Committee and what its responsibility and membership would be. He noted that the FBC would probably have to work in tandem with the Academic Planning Committee since it is the APC that has oversight of considering budget reductions and reallocations. He asked if the Executive Committee should form a subcommittee to work on developing the structure of the FBC.

Leiter asked what the FBC would do that the APC doesn't already do. VanderPlas stated that one of the intentions of the FBC is to be proactive nothing that the APC is more reactive. She stated that the FBC would advise administrators on budget issues, would ensure that there is more transparency with the budget, and help faculty to become more educated about the budget.

Griffin noted that at the last Executive Committee meeting there was agreement that the Committee should meet with VC Zeleny to discuss whether the FBC would be able to get the budget information that the Committee would need to meet its responsibilities.

Kopocis noted that the FBC could almost be a subcommittee to the APC. Vakilzadian suggested that it could be an advisory committee to VC Zeleny. Lott pointed out that having a working knowledge of how the budgetary system works would be helpful.

4.2 Athletics' Funds to UNL

Bouma asked what is happening with the \$10 million that UNL used to receive from the Athletics department. Kopocis noted that the funds first went to the system office but then came back to UNL for scholarships. She reported that former President Carter stated that UNL would no longer be receiving those funds.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Executive Committee Summer Schedule

Griffin noted that the Executive Committee would be meeting with the Chancellor next week but after that meeting the Committee will go to its summer schedule and will meet only every other week instead of weekly.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 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.