

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Baesu, Bearnese, Boudreau, Eklund, Kopocis, Krehbiel, Latta Konecky, Lott, Minter, Paul, Weissling

Absent: Kolbe, Zuckerman

Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Location: East Campus Union, Great Plains Room A

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 (*Minter*)

Minter called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

3.0 Approval of October 18, 2022 Minutes

Minter asked if there were any further revisions to the minutes. Hearing none she asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Bearnese moved and Eklund seconded approving the minutes which were then approved by the Executive Committee.

4.0 Unfinished Business

4.1 Professional Code of Conduct

Minter reported that she received feedback from GSA President Donesky and Dean Hope of Graduate Studies and she has included some of their suggestions into the Code. She stated that she is now preparing to send the Code to AVC Walker for consideration, noting that AVC Walker will act as a liaison between the Executive Committee and General Counsel should there need to be revisions.

4.2 Faculty Senate Policy on Acceptable Use of Software Systems Management and Deployment

Minter noted that at the last Executive Committee meeting there was discussion about whether to include a preamble to the Policy which would state that while EM 16 supersedes the Policy, the Senate still stands by the principles defined in the Policy. She stated that the other option is to ask the Senate’s Information Technologies and Services Committee to review the Policy to see if they think it could be amended while keeping the principles intact.

Eklund noted that the conversation with President Carter was enlightening with his comments about identifying whether there is a disconnect with the system-level ITS unit or the local ITS unit. He suggested asking Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer Blackman to speak to the Faculty Senate. He pointed out that if we have to be compliant with national security expectations it might be best to

figure out who the users of high-risk data are to ensure that they have the most robust security and protection rather than requiring those with low-risk data to adhere to all of the stipulations in EM 16.

Minter reported that she is meeting with CIO Tuttle tomorrow because he wants to know what the most current faculty concerns are, and she will discuss the comments that were made at today's Faculty Senate meeting. She stated that the Senate seemed very eager to have campus communication from ITS developed to answer the real questions faculty members are raising. She noted that there are faculty members who are calling for faculty to have some impact on how EM 16 is enacted.

Bearnes pointed out that the system ITS FAQ website does not address all of the questions that are being raised by faculty members. Minter stated that she will ask CIO Tuttle about having a FAQ specific to UNL, particularly since the campus is so heavily involved with research. Bearnes noted that everyone needs to receive information about the ITS policies and changes. Paul pointed out that there was an article in Nebraska Today (<https://news.unl.edu/newsrooms/today/article/its-implementing-changes-to-improve-security-of-university-community/>) about the changes being implemented.

Minter stated that she will speak with CIO Tuttle about the suggestions from the Executive Committee and will contact Vice President Blackman to attend a meeting.

4.3 Correspondence Update

Minter reported that after participating in a web call with members of the National Council of Faculty Senates she thought of sending a monthly email to the faculty letting them know the three main things that the Faculty Senate is working on across the prior month.

Minter noted that at the last Executive Committee meeting there was discussion about the membership of the Conflict of Interest Resolution Committee and whether it would be better to have a faculty member serve with a three-year term as opposed to the Faculty Senate President and the chair of the Academic Rights and Responsibilities Committee who only serve a one-year term. She reported that she spoke with Professor Lindquist, Agronomy & Horticulture, who represented the Senate when the CIRC was being developed. She said that he thought the one-year term was problematic but stated that some faculty presence is needed on the Committee. She stated that she will be meeting with ARRC Chair Peterson, and some members of the CIRC to discuss the issue further.

Minter reported that email messages are being received from some students who were concerned about a history/religious studies course and how the title and description of the course could further hatred and ostracism of those practicing the religion. She noted that Dean Button of the College of Arts and Sciences is responding to the students, and he offered to organize a meeting to discuss the issue. The Executive Committee discussed the concerns of the students but pointed out that the curriculum is the purview of the faculty and that some of the suggestions being made by the students' skirt violation of academic freedom.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Agenda Items for Chancellor Green

The Executive Committee identified the following agenda items for its meeting with Chancellor Green next week:

- When will the Future of Work Taskforce report be made available to the Executive Committee?
- With the many changes that are occurring with ITS due to the need for increased cybersecurity, it is important that faculty/staff/students receive information about what these changes are and how they can impact people's work. We want to verify that UNL's IT unit is free to correspond directly with UNL faculty about shifts in IT policy and UNL faculty specifically want to know, in accessible language, what their obligations are under the newly revised EM 16.
- What do you see as the most important selling features for talking to students about coming to UNL? Can a list of talking points be created and distributed to all faculty and staff since it has been stated that everyone needs to help with recruitment? Should there be talking points specifically for prospective students and a different set for their parents?
- Having technology that works in the classroom is essential if we are going to try to increase enrollment. What is the plan to ensure that our technology is in working order for next fall?
- What is your perspective on the extent of our graduate programs' competitiveness and how can they be more competitive?
- Should the [2008 Faculty Residency Expectation Policy](#) be revised given the changes of the workplace since the pandemic and the university's push for more online teaching?

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 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.