

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

Absent: Zuckerman

Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2022

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 (*Minter*)

Minter called the meeting to order at 4:23 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

2.1 Updates on Correspondence

Minter reported that she sent the email to AVC Goodburn and EVC Ankerson reminding them that the Regents Bylaws state that the Faculty Senate is to act on academic matters that affect more than one college. She noted that she received a response from both EVC Ankerson and AVC Goodburn who asked if it would be valuable for her to meet with the Executive Committee to discuss the concerns raised by Minter.

Minter reported that she and Kopocis met with ASUN President Drake to discuss a recent news article about ASUN and diversity, equity, and inclusion issues. She noted that it was a good discussion, and they also asked him if the students have concerns about EM 16. Kopocis stated that Drake did not realize the implications of EM 16 for students and Minter noted that she would be sending information to him on the changes to EM 16 so ASUN can review them.

3.0 Approval of September 27, 2022 Minutes

Minter asked if there were further revisions to the minutes. Hearing none she asked for approval. Kolbe moved for approving the minutes, motion seconded by Lott and approved by the Executive Committee.

4.0 Unfinished Business

4.1 Professional Code of Conduct

Minter reported that she is waiting to get feedback from GSA President Donesky and that she recently met with AVC Walker to discuss the current draft of the Code.

Kolbe asked if the Code needs to be adjusted because of the changes to EM 16. Minter noted that the list of examples included in the Code is not exhaustive, but she will ask the group that worked on the Code whether the revisions to EM 16 should be included.

Kopocis pointed out that currently University employees can download the anti-virus software Cortex from the University for personal use. She noted that end point management is done through Cortex and questioned whether the University would be able to get access to your personal computer if you download the anti-virus software. She stated that employees can also get up to five Microsoft software licenses and questioned whether the same would be true for downloading the Microsoft licenses on your personal computer. Minter stated that this is a good question to ask ITS. She stated that ITS needs to expand the FAQ webpage with the additional questions that are being raised by faculty. Kolbe stated that ITS needs to write the answers in language that is understandable by those who do not have much IT knowledge. Weissling stated that a major concern with the changes to EM 16 is the confidentiality and privacy issue because a breach of confidentiality would be a violation of IRB.

The Executive Committee discussed whether the Faculty Senates at the other campuses had similar concerns. Minter stated that UNK had some concerns but not as much as UNL, and UNMC seems to have been following the protocols outlined in EM 16 for more than a year now. The Executive Committee agreed to discuss at its next meeting what other steps the UNL faculty can take to further address faculty concerns of the revised EM 16 policy.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Agenda Items for Chancellor Green and VC Boehm

The Executive Committee identified the following agenda items for the Chancellor and VCIANR:

- How can the faculty get better connections with recruiting students? Has there been an announcement about the updated list of states in our national scholarship program? Update on the search for a new Associate Vice Chancellor for ASEM.
- What kind of impact would a continued decrease in tuition revenue have on UNL's budget?
- Can you expand on your rethinking of the Grand Challenges? Will timelines be adjusted, or will expectations be adjusted?
- Chancellors' Retreat – was the travel policy discussed?
- Meeting with Dr. Matthew Shenoda, what are the next steps in our commitment to diversity and inclusion?
- With the devastation of the 4-H Camp site in Halsey, are there plans to replace the site? What impacts will this loss have on the 4-H program?
- Our hiring pattern in recent administrative positions is not aligned with our commitment to diversity. Can we better position ourselves so we would be more successful in hiring diverse candidates?

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, October 11, 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.