

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

Absent: Bouma

Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2023

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*)

Kopocis called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

No announcements were made.

3.0 Approval of November 28, 2023 Minutes

Kopocis asked if there were any revisions to the minutes. Hearing none she asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Tschetter moved and Zuckerman seconded approval of the minutes. The motion was approved by the Executive Committee.

4.0 Unfinished Business

4.1 ASUN Request to Revise the Faculty Senate's Syllabus Policy

Kopocis reported that ASUN is requesting additional language be included in the syllabus policy. She noted that the additional language reads:

“Content warnings about any topics of discussion and/or pictorial or visual display of these topics, as introduced by the instructor: can include, but not limited to, topics related to sexual assault/harassment/violence, mental health, racial violence, any other display or discussion of discrimination, etc.”

The Executive Committee discussed the proposal and while the Committee respects the mental health of students, it did not agree with the proposed language. Tschetter pointed out that in some of her history classes the subject matter can be difficult to deal with, and she informs her students of this, but if history is to be accurately taught, then you need to learn of the atrocities. The Committee noted that the course descriptions describe the general subject matter that will be taught in a course which should alert students to the basic information that will be covered.

Kopocis stated that she would contact ASUN President Paul Pechous to inform him of the Executive Committees decision.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Faculty Senate Diversity & Inclusion Committee Request to Have the Faculty Senate Comment on Proposed Budget Reductions to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Kopocis reported that Professor Aaron PeeksMease, chair of the Senate's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, sent a statement from the Committee in support of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and against the decision to cut the office's budget by \$800,000. She noted that he also asked for the Faculty Senate to send a statement in support of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Minter suggested Kopocis write back to the Senate's Diversity and Inclusion Committee saying that the Executive Committee is fully supportive of the concerns that have been raised and think that sending a letter from the Faculty Senate might have more impact at a later time due to the vast volume of comments that the APC has already received in support of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, December 12, 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.