

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Baesu, Bearnese, Bouma, Boudreau, Dawes, Eklund, Kopocis, Leiter, Lott, Shrader, Vakizadian, VanderPlas

Absent: Tschetter

Date: Tuesday, August 27, 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 (*Eklund*)

Eklund called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

2.0 Announcements

No announcements were made.

3.0 Approval of August 20, 2024 Minutes

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

4.0 Unfinished Business

4.1 Executive Committee Goals 2024-2025

The Executive Committee began working on identifying action plans to implement the goals identified by the Committee in a previous meeting.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Questions for President Gold

In addition to questions that may be raised by Senators at the September 3rd Faculty Senate meeting, the Executive Committee identified the following topics to discuss with President Gold:

- The centralization of information technology services has resulted in fewer IT staff on campus who can provide technical support. This is critical when classroom technology is not working, and an IT support staff member is needed quickly.
- What initiatives do you have to support diversity, equity and inclusion at the university. Was the decision to eliminate the Office of Diversity and Inclusion a university-wide decision or a campus decision? How will the elimination of the ODI affect our ability to rejoin the AAU?

- UNL and LPS calendars used to be aligned so the breaks occurred at the same time. This is no longer true. Can a committee be formed from members of the University and LSP to try to synchronize the academic calendars.
- Why is it important for UNL Athletics to report to the President rather than the Chancellor? Why aren't the other campuses' athletics director reporting to the President? What will be the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Regents' Athletics Committee.
- Can you explain why Varner Hall's budget is expanding while the campuses' budgets are shrinking?

5.2 Revisions to Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Syllabus

Griffin reported that IAC Chair Professor Blankley asked for two minor revisions to the IAC syllabus. One was to include the President in the list of people and organizations that the committee's recommendations may be given to, and the other revision was to remove the CFA which is no longer in existence. Shrader moved for approval of the revisions, the motion was then seconded by Boudreau and approved by the Executive Committee.

5.3 Executive Committee Statement Regarding Chancellor Bennett's Message

The Executive Committee worked on writing a statement regarding the Chancellor's recent email message about structural changes being made at the administration level and the elimination of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. It was like trying to herd cats.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 2:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Nebraska Union, Big Ten Conference Room. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Signe Boudreau, Secretary.