

Executive Committee Report

2-27- 2020

Marco Ciocca, Senate Chair

The Executive Committee met on February 17, 2020 at 4:00 PM. After approval of the minutes for the January 27th meeting, the following issues were discussed:

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Senator Donghui Quan and Derek Bussan, professors in the Chemistry department, provided a [presentation](#) on faculty pay and inquired about the feasibility of an increase at this time. President McFaddin, who was in attendance, stated that it is a top priority and, if at all possible, a plan should be rolled out sometime later this spring.

New Business:

Policy 4.3.17 – Academic Program Discontinuance Due to Financial Stringency

This policy was presented for a first read during the February meeting of the Senate. A vote is expected on the March 2nd meeting.

Policy 4.6.16 – Dismissal of Faculty

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- *Discussion Items*
 - Parliamentarian Candidacy by the University Ombud.
I reported to the Executive Committee that University Ombud Beck voiced her interest in the parliamentarian position. President McFaddin stated that this might be a conflict of interest with her part-time hourly employment as the University Ombud. Instead, he suggested contacting Micah Hunsucker in the University Counsel's office. *After the XC meeting, Professor Jennifer Merrick, Department of Baccalaureate & Graduate Nursing, contacted me and volunteered for the position. The Executive Committee gave their approval and Professor Merrick will join the Senate as the new parliamentarian beginning with the March Senate meeting.*
- *Announcements:*
 - *Jeff Whitaker* – Status of Updated Classrooms and Data Received from Last Year's IT Faculty Survey
 - *Professor Lynnette Noblitt* will speak briefly to the Senate in March about the upcoming Census.

REPORTS:

Standing Committees:

Academic Quality Committee – Senator Jones

The committee was charged with looking at best practices in high enrollment classes, specifically general education classes; and a request for information was sent to the General Education Committee. As the committee is at a standstill until that information becomes available, the remaining AQC meetings for the spring semester will be cancelled.

Budget Committee – Senator Woodruff

The next scheduled meeting will be in March in the Crabbe Library 204G.

Information Technology Committee – Senator Fleischer

The committee recently met with Jeff Whitaker from IT to go over the faculty survey results from last year. Mr. Whitaker will present to the March Senate meeting on what they have done based on what faculty have requested.

Rules Committee – Secretary King reported for Senator Bishop-Ross

The committee is working closely with the Senate secretary to find a better solution for clicker check outs at the Senate meetings. President McFaddin announced that they are working with SGA to find a solution for their voting process and for a virtual roll call machine which would be maintained through IT. If a workable solution is found, it might be something that Faculty Senate could use as well.

Ad Hoc Committee on Open Education Resources – Senator Ciocca

The next scheduled meeting will be on February 24.

Ad Hoc Committee on ECU Forward – Chair Ciocca

The first meeting of the spring semester was held on Wednesday, February 19 at 3:30pm in the Teaching and Learning Center in the Crabbe Library. Unfortunately no Senators attended. A rethinking of this ad-hoc committee is under scrutiny.

University Committees:

- *General Education Committee* – Secretary King reported for Senator Bishop-Ross
The committee met and approved a new combo program for English and history (teaching) which apparently is in high demand in rural areas.

Other:

- *Faculty Regent's Report*
The RFP Committee for the presidential search process is underway. The request for proposals was sent out, nine firms have responded but the price tag for each is fairly high. The committee hopes to have recommendations ready to present to the Board at the February 28 meeting. It is anticipated that the Board will make their recommendation based on the information that is brought forward to them.
- *Provost's Report* - Senator Pogatshnik:
The Academic Affairs Update has been reinstated and was recently distributed via email to the campus community. Student Success and Academic Affairs are having on-going discussions about possibly moving First Year Courses back under Academic Affairs.

SENATE ANNOUNCEMENT:

During the Senate meeting of April 6, nominations for Vice Chair and Chair of the Senate for next year will be sought. You can self-nominate, or you can nominate someone else. Voting for these positions and all vacancies on the various Standing Committees will be held during the Organizational Meeting on May 4. With your support, I would like to continue in my position of Chair of the Senate. I will therefore announce my candidacy in April.

Respectfully submitted,

Marco Ciocca