

To: Faculty Senate
From: Sheila Davidson Pressley
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Re: Executive Committee Report

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on Monday, March 25th to set the agenda for the April Faculty Senate meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy Updates

Dr. Robinson stated that the Bereavement Policy is ready for Senate review. A summary noting the changes between the old policy and the revised draft will be provided. In addition, Senator Vice requested that an impact statement be included as well. If the information is ready by Wednesday evening, it will be included on the April agenda. Otherwise, it will be listed on the May agenda.

Dr. Sherry Robinson stated that the Lectureship Policy is also ready for Senate review. The Rights and Responsibilities (R&R) Committee has reviewed the policy and made recommendations. The Drafting Team has reviewed and addressed those recommendations. Dr. Robinson agreed to create an impact statement and a summary noting the changes between the old policy and the revised draft. The Executive Committee was in agreement to list this item on the April agenda and to include the R&R recommendations along with the policy.

Request to Add an AAUP Member to R&R Committee

The Executive Committee was in agreement to leave the committee membership as it currently stands. Anyone can be invited to attend meetings to share their expertise without being an official member on the committee.

Senate Chair Nominations

Nominations for Senate Chair will be solicited at the April meeting and voting will occur at the May organizational meeting. Senator Pressley indicated her willingness to continue to serve if she has the support of the Senate.

Senate Vice-Chair Nominations

Nominations for Senate Vice-Chair will be solicited at the April meeting and voting will occur at the May organizational meeting. Senator Palmer indicated his willingness to continue to serve if he has the support of the Senate.

Presidential Search Update

Senator Pressley reported that the first presidential finalist was on campus and seems to have been well received. The second and third candidates will visit campus between now and April 3rd. The Executive Committee had a breakfast discussion with the first candidate and is scheduled to do the same with each of the finalists.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Elections & University Nominations

Senator Day reported that the committee is busy with the Faculty Regent Election. They are also in the early stages of the Part-Time Faculty Election. In addition, they are in the process of contacting committee chairs for Senate replacements.

University General Education Committee

The committee met and approved several courses including a new course from the College of Justice and Safety for inclusion in the General Education (Element 1C) program. The Essential Elements of Success (EES 250) course is called Basic Social Intelligence Skills. The next General Education meeting is scheduled for March 28th.

Faculty Task Force for Student Retention

The Task Force will meet on April 16th to discuss the new advising model (if the model is ready to present) and complete its review of transfer students. Other April meetings may also be scheduled.

Financial Planning/Strategic Planning Council (FSPC)

The Council met on Tuesday, March 5th to receive an update from the Strategic Budget Reallocation Task Force chairs. An overview of the Task Force and its decisions to date were given. The next FSPC meeting will be on Monday, April 1st at 10:00 am.

Faculty Regent Report

Senator Frisbie reported that the Board met on March 19th to approve the three policies that will help to reduce personnel. The Board also passed a resolution that explained why the budget reallocation was necessary and what the goals are.

Provost Report

Senator Vice reported that the first faculty E RTP session had about 35 to 40 people in attendance. The next and last session will be held on March 26th in Powell 11.

The first RIF session will be held on Tuesday, March 26th at 9:30 am in Library 101.

In Academic Affairs, the program review is due by April 1st to the Board of Regents. Senator Vice noted that once the information is released to the Board, it would probably be made available to the campus community shortly thereafter.

Thank you and please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you have regarding this report.

Respectfully submitted,
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