

**Executive Committee Minutes**  
**Faculty Senate**  
**April 17, 2017**

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 3:30pm in the Faculty Center in the Keen Johnson Building.

**PRESENT:** D. Corley, R. Day, D. Givens, G. Hunter, L. Kay, S. O'Brien, I. Slusher, T. Spigelman, J. Vice and special guests Marco Ciocca, Nicola Mason, Sherry Robinson, and Matt Winslow.

**ABSENT:** P. Kopacz

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Senator Slusher moved approval of the March 20, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Senator Kay. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- ***Update on Elections & University Nominations Committee – Senator Mason***  
The election of faculty to University standing committees is in process. As a reminder, in December the Senate approved a change in the procedure to have a nomination process and then an election from the nominations. The Elections & University Nominations Committee oversees the faculty appointments on the following university standing committees: General Education, Graduate Council, Intellectual Property, Library, and Research.

A question was raised about whether candidates for chair or vice chair had to be a current serving senator in order to be eligible. The language in the faculty handbook is implied but not clearly stated. Senator O'Brien suggested that the Rules Committee may need to review and propose a motion for clarity.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- ***Policy Updates***  
Senator O'Brien reminded that Policy 4.7.4 – Faculty Grievances and Policy 4.4.2 – Intellectual Property will be presented for action at the May regular meeting. Vice Provost Robinson stated that no additional feedback was received from senators on the Faculty Grievances policy. In addition, she noted that the Faculty Grievances policy was presented for a first read with the Provost Council.

Vice Provost Robinson stated that if Policy 4.7.4 and 4.4.2 are approved by Senate at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the policies will go up for the 14-day commenting period which will run slightly beyond the May 15<sup>th</sup> semester ending date. Please make sure colleagues are aware of that.

- ***Rules Committee Motion 1 - Change in Voting Eligibility for Senate Representation***  
Senator O'Brien reminded that the motion will be presented for action at the May regular meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- ***Policy Updates:***

Vice Provost Robinson announced that she will be reviewing policies over the summer to determine which ones should be updated next year.

- ***Discussion Items:***

- ***Alternates for Part-Time and Dean Representatives***

Our part-time representative will be unable to attend the May meeting and asked if an alternate was available to attend in her place. Currently there are no alternates elected to serve for the part-time rep or the dean's rep.

The XC felt that as the part-time rep is an elected position, there should be alternates available. Senator Hunter suggested that the part-time nominees not selected as the representative could be asked to serve as alternates. Senator Vice stated that the deans also select their representative and should therefore have the opportunity to choose an alternate as well.

Senator O'Brien stated that the Rules Committee may need to draft language to include that in the faculty handbook.

- ***Confirmed 2017-2018 Faculty Senate Schedule***

The finalized schedule for next year was shared. All meetings are scheduled in the Keen Johnson South Ballroom.

- ***Updated List of New Senators***

A revised list of new senators was shared. Seven appointments are still needed before next year's roster is complete.

- ***List of Committee Vacancies***

A tentative list of committee vacancies was shared. Please let the chair and/or secretary know if any discrepancies are found on the list.

- ***Reports:***

- ***Academic Quality Committee – Senator Hunter***

The committee met with Benton Shirey to discuss advising and the Student Success Collaborative.

- ***Board of Governors – Senator Ciocca***

The Board will be meeting with President Benson on May 1.

- ***Rules Committee – Senator Kay***

The next meeting is on April 28.

- ***Ad Hoc Committee on Academics & Athletics – Senator O'Brien***

The committee is finishing up their final report and feels that they have met the charges that were given to them last year.

- *Ad Hoc Committee on Ombud Framework – Senator O'Brien*  
The committee is meeting today to work on confidentiality. They hope to have something ready for Senate by the May meeting.
- *Ad Hoc Committee on Transparency – Senator Givens*  
A survey was distributed to standing committee chairs asking for feedback on the new process this year and only one response was received.

Senator Givens suggested requiring all standing committees to meet in the Keen Johnson lobby area to elect their chairs at the same time of the first Executive Committee meeting in the fall.

Senator Givens suggested that the vice chair should continue to oversee the media announcements for special meetings and working with committees to get their schedules posted, etc.

The committee feels that their charge has been achieved and that the committee can be disbanded at the end of the semester.

- *Provost Search – Senator Corley*  
The first candidate is on campus today. The open forum was streamed and videotaped. Check out the [website](#) to gain access to the videos as they become available. You must login to ECU Direct before access is granted to view the videos. Evaluations can also be completed at that time. Evaluations will be available until 8pm Friday evening.
- *Senate Chair Report – Senator O'Brien*  
Senator O'Brien attended the COSFL meeting along with Senators Kopacz and Givens. Bob King, CPE president, spoke at length with the group.
- *Faculty Regent Report – Senator Day*  
The next Board meeting is on April 24. The Staff Council will be hosting the meeting.
- *Provost Report – Senator Vice*  
The next luncheon with the Provost will be on Wednesday, April 26.

Senator Vice announced that Aaron Thompson has returned to the Council on Postsecondary Education.

The provosts met week before last and had a very candid discussion with Bob King, CPE president, regarding the proposed college index. It was noted at that meeting that with the 38-college index that he is recommending, only 5700 high school seniors would have graduated last year with that index in Kentucky. For ECU that would have meant 400 fewer freshman that could have been admitted last fall.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5pm.