

Executive Committee Minutes
Faculty Senate
August 24, 2020

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met remotely on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 4pm via Zoom.

PRESENT: M. Ciocca, R. Crosby, A. Fleischer, M. Johnson, L. Jones, J. Marion, J. Pogatshnik, B. Woodruff, and special guests Dana Bush, Haley Norberg and Jennifer Wies.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Senator Crosby moved approval of the April 20, 2020 minutes as written, seconded by Senator Woodruff. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

○ *Policy Updates*

Haley Norberg will be the new contact person for all university policies. The current policy process will continue to be followed.

Jennifer Wies, Associate Provost, will work closely with Ms. Norberg on the academic affairs policies.

○ *Discussion Items*

2020-2021 Draft Committee Charges

Chair Ciocca shared a draft copy of proposed committee charges for the upcoming year. Please review and make recommendation for changes prior to the Senate mailing on September 9th.

List of Vacant Senator/Alternate positions

Secretary King asked members to review the vacant senator/alternate positions and notify the chair and secretary of any updates.

Senator Pogatshnik stated that the paperwork for the new Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders hasn't completed the approval process yet. Therefore, a representative should not be listed for that area until that process is complete.

List of Committee Vacancies

It should be noted that Deborah Givens, who recently retired, still has one year left on her term on the Faculty Club Board of Governors. Chair Ciocca agreed to contact Dr. Givens to see if she wishes to complete the term or if a replacement should be elected.

- *Announcements*
 - Guest Speakers for September Senate Meeting
 - *Kelly Smith – Ad Hoc Committee on Open Source Textbook Resources*
Regent Marion noted that the Ad Hoc Committee continued their work over the summer and suggested that the chair might want to give an update to the Senate. Chair Ciocca agreed to invite her to the September meeting.
 - New Senator Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9 at 3:30pm via Zoom.

REPORTS:

Standing Committees:

- *Academic Quality Committee*
Senator Crosby will continue to be the liaison between AQC and the XC.
- *Budget Committee*
Senator Woodruff will continue as the liaison between the Budget Committee and the XC. In addition, he agreed to schedule the first meeting of the year with the committee to elect a new chair and to set the schedule for the upcoming year.

As there are currently three vacancies on XC, liaisons for all other standing committees will be determined at the September XC meeting.

University Committees:

- Compassionate Withdrawals Committee
Senator Crosby agreed to continue to serve on the committee

The following committee appointments will be named at the September XC meeting.

- Residency Appeals Committee
- General Education Committee

Other:

- *Senate Chair's Report - Senator Ciocca:*
Jennifer Merrick has agreed to continue to serve as parliamentarian this year.
- *Faculty Regent's Report - Senator Marion:*
Congratulations to Dr. McFaddin on his appointment as president of the university.
- *Provost's Report - Senator Pogatshnik:*
The University Ombud will now be split up between HR who will deal more with staff issues and a faculty-appointed liaison that will listen to grievances and serve as a mediator for faculty issues.

One of the items for consideration on the September Board of Regents agenda will be to rescind the RTP policy. This is being proposed because of the KRS Retirement System Board ruling which states that in order for someone to be eligible for retirement there must be a bona fide separation from the university for an extended period of time. Any type of prearranged retirement agreement, such as RTP, would basically invalidate the retirement of the individual faculty member and could result in penalties that would have to be paid back.

The administration is currently reviewing other options such as possibly adding a statement to the faculty emeritus policy that would give additional considerations for faculty who retire.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5pm.