Academic Senate Executive Committee Meeting  
January 30, 2015

Minutes

Present: Scott Opasik, Nancy Colborn, Alison Stankrauff, Yuri Obata, Henry Scott, Steven Gerencser, Dave Vollrath

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. in the Library 3rd floor conference room.

1. Senate meetings were discussed at some length in terms of structuring time for Senate business vs. Administrative reports.  
Hinnefeld noted that possible solutions would be to move Administrative Reports to the end of the meeting or to put time limits on different segments of the agenda.  
Gerencser wondered whether time limits might lead to no time for questions from the floor.  
Hinnefeld noted that we could build in time for questions.  
Gerencser noted that Administrative reports and accompanying Q & A are part of Senate business.  
Opasik likes the idea to flip the agenda, noting that this would stress the importance of Senate business and give more time to Admin. Reports and Q & A. Also notes that keeping quorum is also a concern.  
Scott asked if Opasik had already talked to administrators about specific time limits. Opasik has not done so in more than general terms.  
Consensus was that meetings would stay with Administrative reports first but President Opasik will set specific time parameters for each section of the meeting.  

2. The Chancellor has requested that EVCAA Joseph attend Executive Committee meetings instead of him.  
Discussion.  
Consensus is that most of the Academic Senate work is concerned with the AA side of the house and this makes sense. However, we hope that the Chancellor will attend sometimes and when issues require it.  

3. Brief discussion about February meeting (will continue at regularly scheduled meeting set for Friday, February 13th).  
Refreshments will be provided by Alumni Affairs.  
Agenda items so far: Campus Campaign, Nominating Committee report, Athletics Committee report (see #6 below)  

4. We have received a suggestion to form a Task Force on Distance Education. We have had suggestions to this effect earlier in the year. Discussion continued on the best way to handle this and possible charges.  
Suggestions:  
Colborn noted that it would be helpful to have open forums where faculty can raise concerns to the Task Force.  
Hinnefeld asked that the Task Force make note of specific areas in which we are losing enrollment now and project areas where we may lose enrollment in the future in order for the campus to respond in a logical manner.  
Colborn will work with Task Force document presented to the Executive Committee and comments from earlier discussions to draft a charge and suggestions for Task Force membership to present to the Executive Committee.
5. Task Force on Common Questions for Course Evaluations. Discussion focused on assigning this to the Teaching Committee. The Teaching Committee is missing representation from all areas. Opasik will ask the Teaching Committee Chair if they would like to seek additional members for this task or if they would like the Executive Committee to do so. After we have additional names, the Executive Committee will appoint the Task Force.

6. Dr. Jann Joseph, EVCAA, presented information about the adoption of a baseball program at IU South Bend. Dr. Joseph had just come from a meeting of the Athletics Committee where that committee had voted to approve the proposal. The proposal has been discussed at recent Cabinet meetings. The team is already established and would be coming from Holy Cross College, including student transfers and a coach who is already in place. Facilities are already in place. Students would either not be on scholarship or would fit into existing campus scholarships for money or housing. The net revenue stream is projected to be +~$200,000. There is the potential for a Title IX imbalance. This is being investigated with suggestions for additional women’s teams for 2016. Opasik will ask the Athletics Committee Chair to present information on this at the February Senate meeting. Dr. Joseph noted that this was to be confidential until the official press release set for early next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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