**Faculty Caucus Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017**

**(Approved)**

***Call to Order***

Senate Chairperson Kalter called the meeting to order.

Senator Kalter: We're going to actually have a shortened agenda tonight, because the information item needs to get postponed, so we're going to see that information item on February 8. So we just have two action items.

***Action Item:***

***University Curriculum Committee Election (Sabbatical Replacement for Erin Mikulec and Marilyn Morey)***

*Ryan Brown, TCH (COE vacancy, Spring 2017)*

*Adel Al-Bataineh, TCH (COE vacancy, Spring 2017)*

Motion, by Senator Pancrazio, seconded by Senator Hoelscher, to elect these two volunteers into the vacant seats for Spring semester passed unanimously.

***Faculty Senator Volunteers for Greek Life Task Force***

Senator Kalter: And then the only other thing was the faculty senator volunteers for the Greek Life Task Force, which I think I e-mailed you about during the first week of classes. And then we also have in your very thin packet tonight the details on the time commitment. This is actually really coming up quick, because the first meeting that they're going to have is actually tomorrow night at 5, and they say the group is going to be scheduled to meet twice a month through May 1, and then most meetings will be about an hour and a half so that they can bring in invited speakers, possibly go on tours of facilities, and things like that. Anybody like to volunteer? You might remember, I also said that Senator Johnson and I talked about how it might be helpful to have one person who's not that well versed in Greek affairs and one person who's very well versed in Greek affairs.

Senator Dawson: Do we sit here until we get one?

Senator Kalter: We could. That's a great idea. (Laughter).

Senator Dawson: So sorry, guys.

Senator Kalter: What a terrific suggestion. (Laughter). (Long pause). All right. Anyone interested? I personally think this is a terrific idea on the part of our new Vice President, and I'm not doing that just to get you to volunteer. I think it's terrific that he's come in and identified that there may be an issue with Greek life, Greek morale, possibly Greek behavior for all I know, and is trying to do something to make that positive.

Senator Horst: Did he specify that it had to be two Senators. Can it just be two faculty at large?

Senator Kalter: He kind of wanted it to be two senators. I had a feeling that it might be difficult to, you know, sort of have that be a sell. You know, that that could mean that there were fewer volunteers, but he wanted to have sort of a communication, you know, with the Senate, to have it be so that what was happening on the committee could be reported back and understood by people on the Senate. Aw, come on. Somebody's got to have an hour and a half of time every other week.

Senator Hoelscher: You know, that's how they got these volunteers to be senators.

Senator Kalter: (Laughter). Now why did you say no, Jan? (Laughter). Senator McHale?

Senator McHale: Yeah. I mean it sounds like a great idea. I support the idea wholeheartedly. I can't go tomorrow. I have babysitting responsibilities.

Senator Winger: Would it involve beer and pool?

Multiple People: (Laughter)

Senator McHale: But certainly somebody needs more service on their vita.

Senator Kalter: I think that would qualify Senator Winger for being one of the people knowledgeable about Greek…

Multiple People: (Laughter)

Senator Kalter: So, Senator McHale, you're saying it's not the time commitment; it's the actual time of the meetings that's the problem.

Senator McHale: Yeah, I'm just really full, but I'm just thinking. I mean the suggestion… It's kind of like a passive aggressive suggestion. If somebody turned in their productivity report, they could have had a little more service on it.

Senator Kalter: Uh, uh.

Senator Winger: Yeah, and they're not going to be in this room. That's the whole irony of it.

Senator McHale: Exactly.

Senator Horst: But part of the problem is that it's right when the kids get home.

Senator Kalter: Not to mention what looks like two nights a week out, right, because it's the same weeks as the Senate meetings. All right. Senator Day, we're talking about volunteers for the Greek Life Task Force.

Senator Winger: There are several people in my department I'd like to volunteer for this.

Multiple People: (Laughter)

Senator Day: I have one, too.

Multiple People: (Laughter)

Senator Kalter: Should we, going off of I think Senator Horst's suggestion, possibly open it up to our colleagues? Send it around? Would you prefer that we just send out an all FAC-L request for volunteers? I'm seeing head nods.

Senator Day: Yes.

Senator Kalter: All right. Now I need one other volunteer, and that's the person who's going to go back to LJ and break the bad news to him that none of us were willing to volunteer. Who wants to do that? Do I get to do that? (Laughter)

Senator McHale: You're sitting at the Chair spot, I think.

Senator Pancrazio: It's called taking one for the team.

Senator Kalter: (Laughter).

Senator McHale: The buck stops right over there.

Senator Kalter: Are you trying to say that that's why I get paid the big bucks? (Laughter). All right. Okay, well, we will send something out. We'll get somebody to volunteer. And unfortunately it looks like their probably going to miss the first meeting, but we'll get somebody. Thank you very much, and we'll see our salary report. It was already supposed to be in October, so we're just postponing it a little bit. We'll see our salary report next time. All right. Have a good night, everyone, and have a good night tomorrow night when you're not at this meeting.

***Adjournment***