

Executive Committee Minutes

September 20, 1999

(Approved)

Chairperson Curt White called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chris Knox, Barbara Kurtz, Steve McCaw, Fred Noyes, Khalid Razaki, Curt White, Steve Whitmore, President Boschini

Excused Absence: Vanatta Ford, Al Goldfarb, Matt Goodwin, Sandra Zielinski

Approval of Executive Minutes

Motion XXXI-25 – by Senator McCaw, second by Senator Razaki, to approve the September 7, 1999 Executive Committee minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications (oral):

09.13.99.01 From President Boschini to Larry Keeran: Letter regarding faculty and staff salary increases

09.14.99.01 From University Curriculum Committee: Proposal for deletion of non-teaching sequence within the Social Sciences major (To Rules Committee)

09.15.99.01 From Jill Benson, Office of Student Life: Invitation to faculty and staff to participate in "Safe Zone", a campus-wide support program for gay individuals.

09.15.99.02 From Robert Rossman, Dean of College of Applied Science and Technology: Revised Bylaws for CAST (To Rules Committee)

09.17.99.01 From President Boschini to Roger Tarr: Letter establishing that Roger Tarr will continue as chairperson of the Governance Task Force. The next meeting of the Task Force will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 1999, at 9:00 a.m., Stevenson 140.

09.17.99.02 From Gigi Fansler: Regarding non-tenure track hiring process paperwork

09.17.99.03 From Jeff Wood, Athletic Council Chairperson: Nomination to Athletic Council (To Rules Committee). The council currently has no faculty vacancies.

Communications (distributed):

09.16.99.01 From GLT FM: Fall Fund Drive: Request for volunteers for pledge phones. Several members of the Executive Committee volunteered to answer phones at GLT on Wednesday, October 20, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

09.16.99.02 From Ken Newgren: External Committee Issues. The Dean of Mennonite College of Nursing has indicated that Mennonite will not serve on the Council on General Education, University Appeals Committee and University Review Committee. Mennonite will serve on the Academic Standards Committee, Reinstatement Committee, University Curriculum Committee, Council on Teacher Education and the Faculty Elections Committee. Other committee issues included assigning faculty members to the Economic Wellbeing Committee. This committee has been inactive for several years. The Executive Committee decided that the committee should only be constituted when it is given a charge. The Rules

Committee will be asked to revise the language in the Blue Book to reflect this change. The Senate needs to appoint a Chairperson of the Academic Standards Committee. The Executive Committee discussed appointing a Senate member as ex-officio chair. They also briefly discussed an issue regarding grading standards that will be presented to the Academic Standards Committee.

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate Meeting 09/29/99 at 7:00 P.M.

Action Items:

Elections to External Committees

Motion XXXI-26: To approve the agenda by Senator Razaki, second by Senator Whitmore. Agenda was approved unanimously.

Discussion:

Learning Community Initiative

The Executive Committee discussed the Learning Community Initiative as a part of the University's capital campaign. This fundraising proposal will be spearheaded by Institutional Advancement. The initiative will be discussed further at a Senate faculty and student caucus. Senator White stated that he believed that the Senate should take a leadership role in the capital campaign. Susan Kern, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, will meet with the Executive Committee at its meeting of October 4, 1999.

Motion XXXI-27 – To adjourn. Motion passed unanimously on a standing vote.