

Academic Senate Executive Committee Minutes
Monday, October 12, 2009
(Approved)

Call to Order

Senate Chairperson Dan Holland called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of September 28, 2009

Motion XXXXI-20: By Senator Stewart, seconded by Senator Fazel, to approve the September 28, 2009 minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Distributed Communications:

09.28.09.01 From Joe Solberg/Rules Committee: Executive Committee Membership – Addition of AP Member

Senator Holland: Last year, there was some discussion about adding an AP representative to the Executive Committee. Rules, after extensive discussion, decided that it would be a difficult thing to do, so the Executive Committee composition will remain the same.

10.06.09.01 From Anne Newman, Community Rights and Responsibilities: Code of Student Conduct-Revised

09.11.09.01 From Anne Newman, Community Rights and Responsibilities: Code of Student Conduct – Summary of Revisions

10.06.09.03 From Susan Kalter, Executive Committee Member: Questions Regarding Code of Student Conduct

Senator Holland: We have a markup version of the Code of Student Conduct and a summary of exactly what is proposed.

Senator Kalter: I sent you a message earlier today saying that if there is still negotiation going on, why don't we send what isn't under negotiation to the Senate and keep working on the other things. I guess Anne never got our request for revisions that we discussed in April or over the summer.

Senator Holland: I remember sending that to her.

Senator Kalter: I have a record of sending her mine.

Senator Holland: I guess we can forward this to the Senate.

Senator Kalter: Not as is, but take out the stuff that we are still trying to work out. I will volunteer to go through it to turn it back the way it was. One of the things I wanted us to discuss at some point is the place where they have RSOs. Any RSO that publishes is subject to oversight, such as getting in trouble for publishing certain things, but they took out 'students' and said that we don't have any jurisdiction over individual students who publish things. Anne said that based on the First Amendment, we do not have the right to oversee pubs that are not from RSOs. My response was that I think we need to discuss her response because the First Amendment applies to both individuals and associations, so we either have it with both or we don't have it with either.

There was another one that made it look like students could be responsible for the unruly actions of their own parents if their parents were visitors in their dorm.

President Bowman: That would be a criminal matter and probably shouldn't be covered by a Code of Student Conduct.

Senator Kalter: Then there was the academic dishonesty panel stuff.

Senator Holland: Should we have another small group look at this.

Senator Kalter: If Anne can send us the electronic copy of the Code, we can make the changes we want made...

Senator Holland: And send it back to her.

Senator Kalter: Right and I volunteer to do that.

Senator Stewart: There was also some talk about legal going through this.

Senator Holland: Legal has already gone through it.

10.08.09.01 *From Joe Solberg/Rules Committee: Blue Book Revision - Academic Planning Committee Membership Confirmation (Information Item 10/21/09)*

Senator Holland: We have proposed language for the Academic Planning Committee. Per the Blue Book, all faculty appointments to External Committees are approved by the Senate or Faculty Caucus except for the Academic Planning Committee. They are proposing to amend page 21 of the Blue Book to read, "Faculty representatives from each college, dean appointment, confirmed by the Academic Senate for staggered two-year term".

Ms. James: That should actually read approved by the "Faculty Caucus" instead of the "Academic Senate".

Senator Holland: Yes, that should be Faculty Caucus.

10.08.09.05 *From Angela Bonnell, Executive Committee Member: Request to Review Administrator Selection and Search Policy and Academic Department Chairperson/School Director Responsibilities, Appointment, Compensation, Terms and Evaluation Policy (Dist. Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)*

10.08.09.02 *From Academic Senate Office: Administrator Selection and Search Policy (Dist. Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)*

10.08.09.06 *From Academic Senate Office: Academic Department Chairperson/School Director Responsibilities, Appointment, Compensation, Terms and Evaluation (Dist. Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee)*

Senator Holland: Senator Bonnell has asked us to look at these two policies because Milner and Mennonite do not have department chairpersons. We need to look at the search policy so that every time there is a search there, we don't have to do anything special. We have the policy and draft language.

Senator Bonnell: This is, again, just draft language.

Senator Holland: Is the goal to create an official department chair?

Senator Bonnell: I don't think so. We would just like in certain situations, such as the Chair's Council, for one of the two associate deans to be invited. In cases where search committees are formed, we would like an exception made to account for that. We are just hoping for the clearest possible language.

10.08.09.03 *From Susan Kalter, Executive Committee Member: Questions RE: NEPRs and Nursing*

Senator Kalter: Mardell Wilson mentioned NEPRs (New and Expanded Academic and Administrative Programs) for nursing. It occurred to me that NEPRs is under our committee and we are charged with looking at their budgets. My question was how long do we wait until we look at the budgets? Is there a cycle set up to identify what a NEPR is and when the committee is supposed to look at the budget?

President Bowman: I am not sure what the answer is. Mardell might be the one to ask.

Senator Kalter: To me it makes sense to do it every five years since we look at policies every five years.

Senator Holland: I think that you would look at them for the first couple of years and then after a few years it would

be an established program. Once it's an established program, it is reviewed by the Academic Planning Committee.

Senator Kalter: I believe that programs are reviewed by the Academic Planning Committee every eight years. We will put it on our tasks list to see if we can get to it this year.

10.08.09.04 From Joe Solberg/Rules Committee: College of Education Bylaws-Revised

The COE Bylaws will come before the Senate as an Information Item on October 21, 2009. Senator Fazel asked for clarification of the number of members on the college council (page 3). Senator Wedwick stated that she would read it as four from C&I, four from Special Ed, three from EAF and three from the Lab Schools.

Proposed Agenda for Academic Senate on October 21, 2009:

Academic Senate Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2009

Distance Education Task Force Presentation (Darrell Kruger, Task Force Chairperson)

IBHE-FAC Report (Professor Lane Crothers)

Chairperson's Remarks

Student Body President's Remarks

Administrators' Remarks

- ***President Al Bowman***
- ***Provost Sheri Everts***
- ***Vice President of Student Affairs Steve Adams***
- ***Vice President of Finance and Planning Daniel Layzell***

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs Committee: Chairperson Gudding

Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee: Chairperson Kalter

Faculty Affairs Committee: Chairperson Liechty

Planning and Finance Committee: Chairperson Fazel

Rules Committee: Chairperson Solberg

Action Items:

09.24.09.01 Equitable Treatment of Students Participating in University Sponsored Events Policy – Revised (Academic Affairs Committee) (In 10/7/09 Packets)

09.24.09.02 Community College and Other Transfer Students – University Studies or General Education Policy – Revised (Academic Affairs Committee) (In 10/7/09 Packets)

09.24.09.03 College Level Examination Policy – Revised (Academic Affairs Committee) (In 10/7/09 Packets)

09.24.09.04 *Deans' List Policy – Revised (Academic Affairs Committee) (In 10/7/09 Packets)*

Information Items:

10.08.09.01 *Blue Book Revision: Academic Planning Committee Membership Confirmation (Rules Committee)*

10.08.09.04 *College of Education Bylaws-Revised (Rules Committee)*

05.08.09.03 *College of Business Bylaws-Revised (Rules Committee)*

Communications

Adjournment

Motion XXXXI-21: By Senator Kalter, seconded by Senator Stewart, to approve the Academic Senate Agenda for October 21, 2009.

Senator Wedwick asked since the University Professor proposal was not submitted by Thursday, would it be on the agenda. The committee agreed that if the proposal could be on a Senate agenda prior to the Board of Trustees' retreat in November, there shouldn't be a problem. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

Motion XXXXI-22: By Senator Kalter, seconded by Senator Stewart, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.