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Faculty Senate Executive Committee
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Minutes: January 8, 2018
3:00-5:00 p.m. Old Main Boardroom

Present: M. Brewer (Chair), S. Eden, A. Fountain, R. Hammer, L. Nadel, W. Klimecki,
M. Lubisich, W. Neumann, D. Pietz, D. Ray, and J. Stone

Absent: J. Baxter, A. Comrie, J. Dudas, E. Corral, S. Schwartz, A. Vaillancourt, and
X. Zeng

Guest: J. Frumkin, IT Liaison

Call to Order

Vice Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Approval of the minutes of December 11, 2017

The minutes of December 11, 2017 were approved.

UPDATES

Academic Personnel Policy Committee – Ron Hammer (via Zoom)

Hammer reported that the committee will be reviewing the IP policy at the upcoming meeting within the next two weeks. The UHAP Professional Conduct policy is being looked at by a wider *ad hoc* committee. The committee will look at expanded faculty involvement in the appointment process when done by non-competitive selection. There is a defined process in UHAP for selection of ranks of faculty, but a differentiation with non-competitive selection, specifically consideration with the individuals who accompany new hires. Hammer said the committee will review current UHAP policy

Chair of the Faculty – Lynn Nadel

Nadel reported that he is engaged with the RCM Review Committee, the Strategic Planning Review Committee, and is sitting on the search committee for the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences. Nadel will be sending out a Chair Talk addressing the upcoming elections in order to encourage more faculty involvement with declaring candidacy and voting.

Vice Chair of the Faculty – Michael Brewer

Brewer mentioned UHAP Chapter 7 and its routing through the various Senate Standing Committees, another *ad hoc* committee needs to be formed for a final revision. The Intellectual Property Policy is being revised, and a number of groups are looking at that document. Fountain and Brewer has been working with Faculty Center staff to get the

online declaration of candidacy ready for the upcoming election. The new process that now excludes the requirement for signature, should be much more streamlined for faculty to declare candidacy for open seats on the various committees and invite more shared governance involvement.

Secretary of the Faculty – Amy Fountain

Fountain reported that there will be some upcoming bylaws changes and the proposal for recognition of Indigenous People's Day will be coming forth to Senate for approval in the near future. The proposal will not come with a request to replace any existing holiday designation, but simply to add recognition for Indigenous People's Day to the UA calendar.

IT Liaison – Jeremy Frumkin

Frumkin reported that the Honors College and UITS are partnering to look at using Artificial Intelligence technology to review essay quality. There is interest to see what the capabilities of AI in this application will be, and whether it could feasibly be used to supplement essay reading by instructors. If it is of sufficient quality to be helpful, it will be interesting to see what the faculty response will be. There is potential to support increased student writing in classes, but only if the system is able to provide appropriate assessments. It would not replace humans. The pilot program may be designed to aid grading and providing feedback to students. The Controlled, Unclassified information service is now available through the Office of Research, Discovery and Innovation, as well as UITS. UITS is looking at a virtual desktop solution for providing specialized software to users who supply their own devices, and the College of Public Health is looking at alternative solutions. Due to recently revealed security vulnerabilities ('Meltdown' and 'Spectre') affecting a variety of computer chips used in computers, tablets, and smart phones, UITS recommends updating and/or patching software and operating systems to the latest version.

Graduate Council – Co-Chair Walter Klimecki

Klimecki reported that there were two programs for Senate consideration; the MS in Business Analytics and the Ph.D. Applied Ethnomusicology and Intercultural Arts Research. The programs will still need to be approved by Provost's Council prior to the next Senate meeting.

Undergraduate Council – Dennis Ray

Ray had no report.

APAC – Susanna Eden

Eden had no report.

ASUA – Matthew Lubisich

Lubisich reported that the main focus for ASUA this semester will be tuition fees.

Student Affairs Policy Committee – Jeff Stone

Stone reported that he is looking for a replacement of a General Faculty member on the committee. Tim Jull has left the committee, and the Faculty Survey has yielded a good selection of volunteers. Stone is considering four faculty from the survey, and Nadel instructed him to contact who he feels is qualified. Stone will let the Faculty Center know who accepts the invitation. The committee is proposing a new policy surrounding the use of instructional materials, including textbooks, for which the instructor earns a royalty. There is a conflict of interest when students are assigned to purchase instructional materials, whether textbooks or websites, where the faculty member receives royalties from the purchases. There is a current UA policy on this, but it only addresses traditionally-published textbooks. Increasingly, faculty are creating custom-published texts, eBooks, subscription websites, and other materials that are not covered under current policy. These types of resources bring different issues - for example, custom-published textbooks cannot be resold, and are of no value unless they are used the following semester. The current policy is out of step with the current market and doesn't address non-printed materials such as eBooks or websites. There were twenty-two custom texts being used last semester across campus, all costing over \$100. Instructors' royalties range anywhere from \$10 to \$20 per student for custom-published anthologies. Custom websites are not currently tracked, so those numbers are not known. The committee looked at other universities' policies, and many require instructors to donate royalties received from the sale of materials to benefit students on campus. Donations can go to an on-campus unit or off-campus non-profit.

SPBAC – Co-chairs Xubin Zeng and Allison Vaillancourt

Zeng and Vaillancourt were absent.

President's Report – Jon Dudas

Dudas was absent.

Provost's Report – Andrew Comrie

Provost Comrie was absent.

Research Policy Committee – Erica Corral

Corral was absent.

Graduate and Professional Student Council – Jessica Baxter

Baxter was absent.

Committee of Eleven – Steve Schwartz

Schwartz was absent.

Setting the February 5, 2018 Faculty Senate Agenda

Items on the agenda were rearranged and time allotments were adjusted for each.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Recorded by Jane Cherry