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Faculty Senate Executive Committee
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Minutes: February 20, 2023
3:00-5:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM

Present: M Hymel (Chair), B Brummund, C Casey, H Cui, J Curry, J Dudas, T Dysart (Secretary), W Fink, L Folks, L Hudson, L Irizarry, J Jones, J Milbauer, D Ohala, M Stegeman (Parliamentarian), C Rocha, C Simmons, and C Stanescu

Absent: D Cuillier, J Frumkin, R Hammer, C Rankin, P Robles, P Zenega, and L Ziurys

Call to Order

Chair Hymel called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of January 9, 2023

The minutes of January 9, 2023 were approved.

Review agenda for February 27, 2023 Special Faculty Senate meeting

Hudson explained the reason for calling a Special Faculty Senate meeting is to try to take care of procedural matters that have not been discussed or voted on from past meetings. The focus will be on old business: Constitution and Bylaws changes, Senate voting procedures, approving the minutes that have not been approved this academic year, and if there is time, Resolutions arising from the C11 Report for faculty processes. Dysart suggested moving all items pertaining to the minutes into one item at the beginning of the agenda, adding that she has never received any feedback from any Senator on the content of the minutes, and there isn't any reason why they cannot be approved. Folks mentioned that the accreditors visiting campus have expressed significant concerns with the non-approval of minutes, giving an appearance of making decisions but not communicating decision outcomes to campus. Decision outcomes need to be documented in the form of minutes approval.

Dudas said the Regents had concerns with the Faculty Breakfast format and are conferring with the other in-state University Faculty Senates on the way topics are discussed. If problems continue with approval of minutes, the Regents may employ their own policies and procedures.

Simmons is concerned that not all rules are being applied equally to all Faculty Senators during meetings. Speaking out of turn, speaking multiple times on an issue is out of order. Hymel takes full responsibility and assured Simmons that these issues have conveyed to the Senators in question. Stegeman added that he will intervene as necessary at future meetings. Dysart would like clarification with issues pertaining to conflicts of interest with the Faculty Senate minutes. The University has clear definitions for conflicts of interest and the term should not be used superficially. Folks added that if actual accusations of conflicts of interest arise, it is the obligation of the any University employee to share them with administration in a swift manner to employ management plans for investigative purposes.

Hymel would like to call an additional Senate Executive Committee meeting for March 6, 2023 to facilitate setting the March 13, 2023 Faculty Senate agenda. Agenda items will not be known until the conclusion of the Special Faculty Senate meeting held on February 27, 2023.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.