ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 16, 2016- APPROVED  
10:00 – 11:30 AM – EDUCATION 123

Present: D. Boschini, J. Fielder, S. Frye, B. Hartsell, J. Kegley (Chair), H. McCown, J. Millar, C. Murphy, J. Zorn

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Kegley called the meeting to order.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION  
Chair Kegley announced that she has received another Notice of Intent regarding Senate action on the Response to Referendum, RES 151614.

B. Hartsell recommended that a general faculty meeting be held at least once a year to build a sense of connection that we are currently missing. There was a time when University Day was planned by the Academic Senate; it is no longer a faculty day with workshops and panel discussions. The culture has shifted and attendance has fallen.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 2, 2016  
B. Hartsell moved to approve the minutes, J. Fielder seconded the motion. The minutes of February 2, 2016 are approved.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
Chair Kegley recommended that spring graduation be added to the agenda. There is concern that due to the Q2S conversion, many students are finishing their coursework in Summer and apparently cannot walk across the stage in the spring ceremony. She requested that Spring Graduation be added to the agenda. Provost Zorn will follow-up on the issue and report back. The agenda is approved as submitted.

5. CONTINUED ITEMS  
- **Update Log** - Reports on the issue of the Proposal to Elevate Concentrations from MA in Education are forthcoming from the AAC and BPC. J. Millar stated that the AS&SS has completed discussion on Electronic Recording in class and that the report has been submitted. Tawnya will update the log.

- **Update on Searches** - None

- **Meetings with President**  
Next Meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2016 @ 11:30-12:30  
Agenda Items:  
  - Academic Discourse and Interpersonal Relations

6. PENDING ITEMS - None

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS  
- **Parliamentary Procedures** - B. Hartsell reported that there are different understandings of proper parliamentary procedure which lead to perceptions that some individuals have more influence than others and criticism for not following the rules. He recommended that a specific publication of Robert’s Rules of Order be adopted by the Senate. This issue will be discussed at the Senate meeting scheduled for February 25, 2016.

Comments and recommendations in regard to discussing issues at Senate meetings are as follows: 1) Ad hominem attacks are unacceptable; 2) discussions must remain on the issue and not personal; 3) different views and opinions hold validity and ought to be respected; 4) each vote is meaningful; 5) emotional discussions get in the way of
productivity and reasoning thought; 6) a vote is a way to manage conflict; 7) recent animosity may be a reflection of worldly issues and society as a whole; 8) it may be beneficial to share a model of decision making called Mutual Learning Model with the Senate; 9) the need to disconnect between what is officially done and what is believed is being done; 10) recent discussions have been unhealthy; it is perceived that they have not only put faculty against faculty, but also administration against faculty.

Provost Zorn indicated that she would like to host informal gatherings with faculty and staff for relation building and to encourage open dialogue. B. Hartsell recommended that inviting small focus groups would be helpful.

In regard to University Day/Week, Provost Zorn recommended including the following: 1) faculty driven workshops; 2) Faculty Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) involvement; 3) look at student success holistically; 4) faculty meeting with Provost. J. Millar recommended discussion on academic discourse and interpersonal relations be included.

In regard to the Department Chairs Leadership Council, Provost Zorn would like to see the following changes: 1) transition from a lecture room setting to a multipurpose room; 2) meetings discussion driven.

- **Referral to FAC-New SOCI Instrument**- Chair Kegley reaffirmed that a referral has been issued to the FAC requesting that they review the recommendations of the SOCI Task Force.
- **GE Issues**-Chair Kegley reported that P. Newberry has raised a number of GE issues. A referral will be issued to the FAC requesting that they discuss the issues and recommend action.

8. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR February 25, 2016 SENATE MEETING (Time Certain 11:15 A.M.)**

- **Announcements**
  Open discussion on Structure and Processes

- **Consent**

- **Old Business**

- **New Business**

9. **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Motion/Second/Approved- B. Hartsell and J. Fiedler moved to extend time 30 minutes. Motion approved.

- **Timeline for EdD Proposal**- In response to D. Boschini’s inquiry in regard to the timeline for the EdD proposal to the Chancellor’s office, Provost Zorn indicated that the timeline in concern is for students being admitted to the program. Admissions will be pending WASC approval.

- **EdD Referendum**- Comments and concerns in regard to the Ed.D. referendum are as follows: 1) there has been some faculty dissatisfaction with the referendum process; 2) animosity for the Senate has made it difficult to complete business; 3) there is an aversion to change to academia that has come into play.

- **Online Instruction**- As we transition to semesters S. Frye expressed concern that faculty may be pushed into excessive amounts of online instruction because of logistics of classrooms. The University should not be taken over by online instruction to become an online institution without process. He recommended that discussion take place
regarding this issue. Chair Kegley added that these are issues that should have been discussed at DCLC.

- **Parking Plan for Semesters** - B. Hartsell stated that a Plan B for additional parking needs to be in place; waiting for students to show up in the fall will be too late. Provost Zorn reported that once students are registered we will be able to see enrollment data. J. Millar added there is a plan to chalk a field near Kroll Way for 100 spaces.

Meeting adjourned at 11:51.