ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, September 29, 2015-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, D. Schecter

Absent: None

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

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION
Chair Kegley announced that a call for the Faculty Athletic Representative has been issued to faculty. In response to C. Murphy’s inquiry, the 2014-2015 FAR report will be distributed to the EC.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 15, 2015
B. Hartsell moved to approve the minutes, J. Fielder seconded the motion. The minutes of September 15, 2015 are approved as submitted.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
J. Kegley requested that Hiring of Campus Presidents and Changes to CSU Emeritus Resolutions be added as discussion items. The agenda is approved as amended.

5. CONTINUED ITEMS
   • Update Log-The log is up to date.
   • Update on Searches
     o Associate VP Academic Programs-Chair Kegley reported that the search committee is scheduled to meet on October 2, 2015 to review the applications.
   • Meetings with President
     Next Meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2015 @ 11:30-12:30
     Agenda Items: Agenda items to follow.

6. PENDING ITEMS -None

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   • RTP Binders-Referral FAC-B. Hartsell reported that there appears to be a great deal of confusion about the use of binders for RTP files. Contrary to what the policy states, some faculty members have been told that they must use binders. What to do with content of the file and the associated SOCI’s that do not fit in a single binder is also an area of concern. D. Boschini stated that some of the language in the Academic Policy Manual (APM) is not consistent with the new policy. She added that the only list of detailed suggestions that faculty have leads them to a direction that doesn’t meet the policy; it doesn’t state SOCI’s and other material. In response to J. Fielder’s inquiry, B. Hartsell stated the materials cannot be submitted electronically; the intent is to limit the amount of material. B. Hartsell added that the FAC has discussed the issues at great length; there is nothing new to be discussed. He believes the current policy is clear. “There is a principle of law that if there are two possible interpretations, one of which brings the law into conflict and one of which doesn’t, the one that doesn’t is the proper interpretation…as an institution, we spent way too much creating issues that are distractions from much more important issues.” The FAC will review the policy on RTP binders and provide clarification.
   • Amendments to Ombudsman Handbook Language, RES 141519-Chair Kegley reported that per President Mitchell’s request, C. Catota reviewed the resolution on
“Ombudsman Handbook Language” and requested that it be revised to incorporate additional language. Recommendations as submitted are approved by the table. Chair Kegley will notify the President that the recommendations are unanimously approved.

- **Edits to Online Academic Policy Manual: Timelines and Semester Issues** - D. Schecter stated that there are some things in the APM that need updating as we transition to semesters. Examples include RTP Cycles and where appropriate strike the term “quarter” and replace it with “semester”. A referral will be issued to the FAC requesting that they review the APM and update the areas of concern.

- **Review of WASC Interim Report** - Chair Kegley reported that as requested by the Cabinet, the EC has reviewed the WASC Interim Report. The text as presented is unanimously approved by the table.

- **All-University Teacher Education Advisory Committee (TEAC) Membership** - Chair Kegley reported that there is confusion in regard to the TEAC membership. Tawnya will discuss the issue with the SSE Dean’s office.

- **Appointment of Senate Representatives to Various Committees** - Chair Kegley announced that Senate representatives are needed to fill vacancies on various committees. C. Murphy has been appointed to serve on the Transportation Committee; Janet Millar has been appointed to serve on the Commencement Committee; J. Fiedler has been appointed to serve on the All-University Teacher Education Advisory Committee.

- **Open Searches for CSU Campus Presidents** - C. Murphy reported that there are currently four CSU presidential searches. There has been concern on some campuses that CSU presidential searches are not open enough. Chancellor White’s argument is that he needs to protect the confidentiality of candidates. B. Hartsell stated that “there are two values in conflict: the value of the right to privacy for candidates vs. the value of the right for faculty members and members of the campus constituency to meet candidates and to have legitimate input into the process…it is unconscionable for us to consider the value of the right to privacy for a president of an institution to trump that institution’s right to know what is going on.” Chair Kegley added that it is important to have campus input. As a gesture of solidarity with other campuses, a resolution calling for open and transparent search processes for CSU presidential searches will be added to the Academic Senate consent agenda for October 8, 2015.

- **Changes to Emeritus Resolutions** - Chair Kegley reported that President Mitchell requested that the Senate consider his recommended changes and subsequent approval of Emeritus Status, RES 141525 and Emeritus Announcement, RES 141533. Following brief discussion, it is agreed that the handwritten notes that accompany the recommended changes are unclear. C. Kegley will request clarification in regard to approval of both resolutions.

8. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR October 8, 2015 SENATE MEETING** (Time Certain 11:15 A.M.)

- **Announcements**

- **Consent**
  
  Open Searches for CSU Campus Presidents

- **Old Business**

- **New Business**

9. **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**