

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

January 27, 2015
110 Olscamp Hall Conference Room

PRESENT: Peter Blass, David Border, John Folkins, Rachelle Hippler, Brian Kochheiser, Joel O'Doriso, Allen Rogel, Bill Sawaya, Michael Smith, Arne Spohr, Kelly Taylor, Sheri Wells-Jensen

PRESIDER: Chair Joel O'Doriso
Meeting began at 2:33 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Climate Action Plan Resolution: Discussion centered mostly on the CAP. The CAP seems ambitious, is a living document that is reviewed every two years and includes proposed actions.

MOTION (John Folkins): Accept the Climate Action Plan Resolution and send it to the floor of Faculty Senate. (Second: Arne Spohr). Passed 7 in favor, 1 against and 2 abstain.

Amendments and Bylaws Business: A&B has not addressed the Student Absence Policy that was sent to the committee by SEC early last semester, as the committee was not functioning last semester for a variety of reasons. They seem to be better poised to work this semester.

MOTION (Allen Rogel): Send the Student Absence Policy back to Amendments and Bylaws for review and wording for inclusion in "The Charter." (Second: Bill Sawaya). Passed unanimously.

MOTION (Allen Rogel): Send the four recommendations on Academic Honesty back to Amendments and Bylaws to fulfill the original charge of crafting language to incorporate these. (Second: Bill Sawaya). Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

CAA Recommendations:

1. 1415-163: Creating a specialization in Business & Marketing Education. The documentation did not include written endorsements and a new checklist was not included for SEC. *MOTION (Bill Sawaya): Send 1415-163 curriculum modification request back to CAA. (Second: Michael Smith). Passed unanimously. MOTION (Allen Rogel): Ask CAA to request historical information as background for the change. (Second: Michael Smith). Passed unanimously.*
2. 1415-162: Creating a specialization in Family and Consumer Sciences Education. This change is in partnership with the previous change request, 1415-163. *MOTION (Michael Smith): Table this request until information on 1415-163 is received so the two can be considered together. (Second: Allen Rogel). Passed unanimously.*

Faculty Senate Role in Curriculum Changes: The discussion shifted to the role of Faculty Senate in curriculum changes, which seem to be virtually completed by the time they reach Senate, and the larger issue of alternative committees being developed outside of Faculty Senate and reporting to the administration. In some cases, unofficial connections exist between the administration committees and the Faculty Senate or Standing University Committee. CAA at least does still seem to have some oversight of curriculum on behalf of the faculty. Joel O'Doriso suggested that SEC ask Provost Rogers to speak to the role of CAA and approval of curriculum by undergraduate council at the next SEC/Provost Joint Conference.

CAA Business Recommendations (continued):

3. 1415-123: Creating a new B.S. in Public Health (BS PH) with an Environmental Health Concentration. *MOTION (Bill Sawaya): SEC endorses the request in 1415-123. (Second: Kelly Taylor). Passed Unanimously.* SEC noted that several signatures were missing.
4. 1415-156: Creating a new specialization (within BS math) of Data Science. *MOTION (Allen Rogel): SEC endorse the request in 1415-156. (Second: Peter Blass). Passed Unanimously.* SEC again noted that several signatures were missing.

Committee on Committees Business:

Parking Committee Recommendation: The Parking Committee originally focused on charges for parking to faculty. Parking costs are now under the CBA. Additionally, Monica Moll, director of public safety, has formed an ad hoc committee that looks at campus safety and parking. As a result of these two factors the Parking Committee is non-functioning. *MOTION (Bill Sawaya): Disband the Parking Committee as a University Standing Committee. (Second: Rachele Hippler). Passed Unanimously.* As a point of information Com Com is going to explore forming the ad hoc committee started by Moll into a university standing committee on Campus Safety.

SEC favors having links between university standing committees and administrative committees like Campus Safety, Enrollment, and Canvas group. The joint members would not have to be senators. The suggestion was made that Com Com should systematically review the connections and links. What are the administrative committees?

Committee Reporting: About 50% of the committees submitted reports to Com Com, and the reports came in all different formats. Jan Reinhard, the Faculty Senate administrative assistant, put them all into similar style. Having a single page form that groups could fill out might facilitate more submissions and better reporting. **ACTION:** Joel O'Dorisio will follow up on the creation of a standardized form for reporting.

Foundation Board Florida Meeting: Allen Rogel is the Faculty Senate representative to the Foundation Board. Concerns were raised because monies were not available to send Allen to Florida. The Foundation Board is a 501(c)(6), and all board members pay their own way.

UPCOMING SENATE MEETING:

Questions for Sheri Stoll and Steve Krakoff: Steve Krakoff would be given 15 minutes and Sheri Stoll would get 20-30 minutes. From the questions generated at Faculty Senate and reviewed by FAAC, all RCM questions will be tabled. John Folkins clarified that the question for Sheri asking about general education is inaccurate should be E&G budget. Chair O'Dorisio will make a note of that.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

Faculty Senate Listserv: Kelly Taylor shared that we have had requests to have information sent out over the Faculty Senate listserv. Faculty members are not removed from the list, even if they request it, as the agenda and minutes must be circulated to the entire faculty according to "The Charter." Her sense is that the listserv should be reserved for Faculty Senate business only. Other channels exist for information to be shared with faculty. SEC supports this point of view.

ADJOURNMENT: *MOTION (Kelly Taylor): Meeting should adjourn. (Second: Joel O'Dorisio). Passed Unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Taylor, secretary, Feb. 5, 2015