

## PROVOST JOINT SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

December 12, 2017

Olscamp 110

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

**Members Present:** David Border (FS Chair), Frederick Polkinghorne (FS Vice Chair), Robyn Miller (FS Secretary), Stephanie Walls, Ken Borland, Megan Rancier, Peter Blass, Tim Brackenbury, Kerry Fan, Rodney Rogers (Provost/VPAA), Janelle Bollheimer (USG)

**Members Absent:**

Scott Chappuis (GSS), excused  
Jane Wheeler, excused

**Guests** - Allen Rogel, A&B Chair

**Call to Order**, Presider – Frederick Polkinghorne, FS Vice Chair

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion made: Approve the 11.14.17 minutes with correction. Motion passed unanimously.**  
Correction: barging changed to bargaining.

**Chair Report** - David Border

- None

**Provost Report**

- Winter commencement will include approximately 900 students.
- Enrollment remains strong. Paid housing is strong, GPA is up, and graduate admits are up.
- Retention is strong from last year. Goal is 80%.
- The new academic calendar for Fall 2018 will be a 15 week calendar to align with UT and Owens. We have 175 proposals of course offerings, more than needed. Final schedule will be available by March.
- Plus/minus grade scale - there is a group working with USG and GSS.
- Importance of faculty being informed that exams are required.
- Pathway program numbers are strong, goal reached.

## **NEW & OLD BUSINESS**

**Agenda reordered.**

### **Press Release - Resolution Supporting Tax-free Textbooks**

- Recent press release sent to Marketing/Communications was delayed.
- Dr. Rogers will follow-up.

### **Academic Honesty (AH) Training for Faculty & Students**

- Discussion. Suggestions: training videos, web base forms, flowchart.
- Dr. Rogers reported that the Center for Faculty Excellence had begun work in the past.

### **Honorary Degree Committee Nominations**

- Discussion.

**Motion made: Approve the recommendation to award an honorary degree to Maryrose Sylvester. Motion made by Megan Rancier. Motion Seconded by Peter Blass. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion made: Approve the recommendation to award an honorary degree to James L. Bailey. Motion made by Peter Blass. Motion Seconded by Tim Brackenbury. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **CSS Software Applications - Past Weekend Upgrade**

- Discussion regarding the timing of the past upgrade – took place at busy time of semester.
- Dr. Border will request that ITS upgrade schedule be shared with the ITS Committee.

### **Adjunct Faculty Data & Survey**

- Dr. Polkinghorne reported a distribution list was requested. Survey will be sent when list is provided.

**SEC/Provost meeting adjourned.**

**SEC meeting called to order, Presider- David Border, FS Chair**

### **Plus/Minus Grade Scale Discussion**

- Discussion.
- Ken Borland reported that the official proposal had not been distributed.
- It was noted the copy that Faculty Senate office received was titled as proposal.
- Noted no research has been presented.
- USG is opposed to the proposal.

**Motion made: Invite John Fischer and Andy Alt to future SEC meeting to discuss plus/minus grade scale proposal development and information. Motion made by Ken Borland. Motion Seconded by Kerry Fan. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Program Admission Requirements**

- B.S. in Software Engineering
- B.S. in Computer Science

- B.A. in Computer Science
- Discussion

**Motion made: Approve the three recommended programs from CAA. Motion made by Megan Rancier. Motion Seconded by Frederick Polkinghorne. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Committee on Professional Affairs (CPA)**

- CPA committee is actively meeting.

**Amendments and Bylaws**

- Charter revision work continues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.