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
- 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.