FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 8, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS: Renée Laegreid, Chair; Treva Sprout-Ahrenholtz, Secretary; Robert Sprague, Chair-Elect; Adrienne Freng, Past-Chair; Jeff Miller, Tiger Robison, Ray Stuart Fertig III and Gregg Cawley, Members-at-Large.

GUESTS: Vladimir Alvarado, Member-at-large-elect; Kam Ng, Chair of the Graduate Council; James Ahern, Dean, School of Graduate Education; Matt Griswold, Vice Provost, Online and Continuing Education (via Zoom)

Chair Renée Laegreid called the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSE) meeting to order at 12:07 pm.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the agenda for May 8, made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair called for motion to approve the Minutes for May 1, made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair reported on the Provost performance evaluation and encouraged the members of the Committee to encourage others to take the evaluation, and on the meeting between President Seidel, herself, and Chair-Elect Sprague and their discussion on the Presidential fellows and encouraged the President to continue that project going forward. The Chair had received the final CHIPS reports and its proposal to use two million dollars in university money to fund more STEM based programs on campus.

The Chair introduced Kam Ng and Jim Ahern to discuss changes to the bylaws of the School of Graduate Education. Mr. Ahern discussed that the school had in place temporary by-laws to allow the Graduate Committee and the Graduate School to function but that they were currently implementing changes. Mr. Ahern anticipated that the by-laws would be amended and completed by fall of 2024. Mr. Ahern informed the Committee that the most recent by-laws had reestablished the graduate faculty and differentiated between tenure and non-tenure track graduate faculty. Discussion followed.

The Chair introduced Matt Griswold to discuss changes to University Regulation 9-1 and fee adjustments that would affect online students. Mr. Griswold reflected that several changes were made based on the Committee's previously expressed concerns and elaborated on changes to the fee structure, the use of University property and royalties, and the definition of University property. Discussion followed.

The Chair introduced the draft of changes to SAPP 4-25-23 Travel and Reimbursement Policy for re-review by the Committee after it was sent out to the full Senate for comments and the one comment that was received. Discussion followed.

The Chair called for volunteers to attend the May 10 Board of Trustees Committee meetings. Discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 1:00 PM.