

**FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

1 April 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS: Robert Sprague, *Chair*; Ray Fertig, *Chair Elect*; Renée Laegreid, *Immediate Past-Chair*; Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, *Secretary*; Vladimir Alvarado, Gregg Cawley, Rob Godby, and Tiger Robison, *Members-at-Large*.

Guests: Mandy Jane Gifford, *Chief of Staff to the Provost*.

Chair Robert Sprague called the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSE) meeting to order at 12:17 pm.

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

The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of March 25; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair reported that he had received notice that the 2-13 SAP revision had been completed and that Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Steve Barrett had requested that the Executive Committee provide feedback by Monday, April 8, 2024. The Chair reported that he would be distributing the revised SAP to the Committee after the meeting.

The Chair reported that Chief of Staff to the Provost Mandy Jane Gifford and Professor Morteza Dejam would be attending the Executive Committee meeting April 8 to review the draft model of the Gen-ed guidelines.

The Chair reported that he had met with Chief of Staff to the Provost Gifford, Senior Vice-Provost Tami Benham-Deal, Chief of Staff to the President Kelsey Kyne, and Ombudsperson Nellie Haddad to discuss the enhanced academic leadership initiative and that they had agreed to meet with the Faculty Leadership Fellow Candidates and that they hoped to be meeting them within the next week.

The Chair yielded the floor to Chair-elect Fertig to provide an update on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Working Group. Chair-elect Fertig reported that the Working Group held its first meeting March 29 and had been charged with gathering data on DEI programs and activities and that the working group would be meeting again on Friday, April 5, 2024. Chair-elect Fertig reported that the updated charge had been distributed shortly after their first meeting and that the working group was charged to submit its findings to the President by April 22 in order for him present them to the Board of Trustees at its May meeting. The Chair suggested that Chair-elect

Fertig should provide a report on the working group to the full Faculty Senate on April 8. Chair-elect Fertig agreed. The Committee discussed.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the draft Faculty Senate Agenda for April 8, 2024. Motion made and seconded. The Chair reported that the agenda includes Resolution 462 in Support of the Proposed English Doctoral Degree in the Public Humanities, and a discussion with General Counsel Tara Evans and Becky Garcia of Internal Audit of options to report a concern about free expression. The Committee discussed. The motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; seconded, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm.