

**FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

19 February 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS: Robert Sprague, *Chair*; Ray Fertig, *Chair Elect*; Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, *Secretary*, Vladimir Alvarado, Gregg Cawley Rob Godby, and Tiger Robison, *Members-at-Large*. Member-at-large Laegreid was excused from the meeting.

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

Chair Robert Sprague called the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSE) meeting to order at 12:22 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 February 12; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair reported that Take a Trustee to Class would be moving forward, and that lunch would be served with the Trustees on March 20, 2024, in the Gateway center, and that there would be nine potential classes for Trustees to select from. The Committee discussed.

The Chair reported that General Counsel Tara Evans would visit next week's meeting of the Executive Committee to discuss the proposed Immigration SAPP, and that he had forwarded a copy of the proposed SAPP to the Committee. The Committee discussed.

The Chair reported that he had received a preliminary report from the Academic Planning Committee (APC) on undergraduate proposed low-completion degrees and proposed new degree programs last week and expected a final report this week. The Chair reported that the APC did not take issue with the proposals but that had several questions, including if a person could participate in multiple certificate programs at the same time. The Chair reported that he planned to have a Resolution supporting the discontinuance of low-completion undergraduate programs Introduced, Discussed and Voted on, and Introduce Resolutions supporting the three proposed undergraduate certificate degrees, at the March 4, 2024, Faculty Senate meeting. The Committee discussed.

The Chair reported that he was expecting to receive Graduate Council's report on low-completion graduate programs the afternoon of February 19, 2024.

The Chair reported that he had received this morning an English Ph.D. proposal and that he had informed the Chair of the Graduate Council, Saman Aryana, that he would need the Council's final report on the proposal by April 15, 2024.

The Chair reported that very few faculty were signing up for the Faculty Equitable Workload Sessions. The Chair reported that he had received a question from a faculty member asking if the faculty could provide input without attending a session, and that he had yet not received an answer from the ODEI. The Committee discussed and expressed confusion as to the purpose of the sessions. The Chair noted that information about the sessions had not been sent to the all-faculty email list, but had appeared only in a Straight from the Provost message, and that the Chair had distributed the information to the Senators and posted it on the faculty listserv.

The Chair asked if the 2-13 or Next-Gen Committees would be reporting at the February 19, 2024, Senate meeting. Secretary Sprout-Ahrenholtz responded that she would give a brief report on the Next-Gen Committee.

The Chair reported that the President would be creating a Freedom of Expression Implementation working group and asked the Committee if the Faculty Academic Standards, Rights, and Responsibilities Committee should be solicited for volunteers or if a call for volunteers should be sent to the Senate as a body. The Committee discussed and was unsure what the priorities of the implementation process and what logistics it would require.

The Chair reported that he would communicate with Chief of Staff Kelsey Kyne and solicit more information.

The Chair noted that he would be Introducing a Resolution in support of the proposed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Policy SAP at the February 19, 2024, Faculty Senate meeting. The Committee discussed.

The Chair asked if Chief of Staff Gifford had anything to report to the Committee. Chief of Staff Gifford responded that she did not.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm.