

**FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

May 1, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

GUESTS: Vladimir Alvarado, *Member at Large Elect*; Kevin Carmen, *Provost*, Parang Chitnis, *Vice President for Research and Economic Development*, Kwanna King, *Registrar*; Mandy J. Gifford, *Chief of Staff to the Provost*.

Chair Renee Laegreid called the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSE) meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the agenda of May 1; made seconded and carried. the Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 24; made, seconded, and carried. the Chair called for a motion to approve the corrected minutes of April 17; made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair reported on the increase on the number of requests for retroactive final exam accommodation and that she had confirmed that the requests were not from DSS. The Chair had received an updated document from Matt Griswold. The Chair had held meetings with the Graduate Council and she had received their most recent by-laws changes. The Provosts performance evaluation is online, and the Chair advised that all present complete the evaluation.

The Chair introduced Provost Kevin Carmen for his scheduled discussion with the Committee to review the ongoings of the previous year. The Provost discussed ongoing attempts to streamline the RTP process, discussions ongoing with President Seidel to make funds re-allocated from unfilled positions easier to access to allow those positions to be filled on a faster basis. The Committee discussed.

The Provost further discussed academic changes to increase efficiency and to decrease the burden on faculty to teach a multitude of classes at a time while also not increasing the class sizes, the search for a new Dean for the College of Law, and the President has charged members of his cabinet to form working groups with the aim of accomplishing the goals agreed to by the Board of Trustees, including Student excellence and improved advising. The Committee discussed.

Chair introduced Parang Chitnis the Vice President for Research who discussed the changes to the department of Research and Economic Development, including ongoing attempts to streamline grant requests across campus, implementing a system of recognizing excellence in research and whether or not this should be implemented at a University level or a college level, or whether to do a hybrid model of both, and the implementation of RoamWyo and other means of Electronic Research Administration.

Vice President Chitnis introduced Director of Research Services Farrell Rapp to discuss multiple changes to the Grant system and how this was being implemented. The Committee discussed.

The Chair introduced Registrar Kwanna King to provide an update on the Curicalog and Acalog systems. Registrar King opened the floor to questions on the Midterm grade announcements and reports that the faculty had not received these announcements. The Committee discussed.

Registrar King discussed that Curicalog and Acalog had officially been put into place in the Registrar's office after having begun development in 2018. Catalog edits and submissions are to be initially handled by designated department editors in response to certain faculty members ignoring the standard cataloging process. Registrar King discussed Acalog and how it was a drastic change from the manual process that had preceded it, and that the Registrar's office was developing surveys to ensure that feedback is heard in a timely manner. The Committee discussed.

The Chair-elect, taking over for the Chair in her duties due to another obligation, introduced SAPP 4-25-23 changes to the University Travel and Reimbursement policy. The Committee discussed.

The Chair-elect introduced Senate Resolution 443 Resolution in support of changes to SAPP 4-3-23. The Committee discussed.

The Chair-elect called for a motion to move into Executive Session at 1:42 PM; made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair-elect moved to adjourn the Senate at 2:00 PM