FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

30 October 2023

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

Guests: Steve Barrett, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Dr. Martha McCaughey, Chair, Freedom of Expression Committee,

Chair Robert Sprague called the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSE) meeting to order at 12:03 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 October 23; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair reported that Chief of Staff Gifford had mentioned that the Senate would be receiving a 2-13 request from Academic Affairs to allow the Biodiversity Institute to move from being part of the Office of Research and Economic Development back into the Haub School, after having left the Haub School two years ago. The Chair noted that there were no Academic Programs in the Institute so the request would not have to be reviewed by the Academic Planning Committee. The Committee discussed.

The Chair introduced the Chair of the Freedom of Expression Committee (FEC), Dr. Martha McCaughey, to answer questions on the FEC’s results and processes before reviewing the draft of Senate Resolution 449 Resolution in Support of Endorsement of the University’s Freedom of Expression Principles and Creation of an Implementation Committee. Dr. McCaughey noted that President Seidel had reviewed the comments made in the survey regarding the Freedom of Expression Report and had decided that none of the comments merited changing the results of the Report, because they applied more to implementation rather than the principles themselves, and proceeded to name several examples of the comments made on the report and how they had been considered by President Seidel. The Committee discussed.

The Chair moved to discuss the draft of Senate Resolution 449 Resolution in Support of Endorsement of the University’s Freedom of Expression Principles and Creation of an Implementation Committee and provided Dr. McCaughey with a physical draft of the Resolution.
The Chair asked the Committee if they were in support of the Resolution. The Committee discussed and made several amendments and decided in the affirmative after amendments had been made. The Committee further invited Dr. McCaughey to be present for both the introduction of and the discussion and vote on the Resolution.

The Chair noted that Resolution 448 in Support of Honorariums, Incentives, and Sponsored Research Participant Incentives and Participant Support Costs SAP would be Introduce at the November 6 Senate meeting. The Committee discussed.

The Chair mentioned that the proposal for the Bachelor of Science in Applied Software Development was under review by the Academic Planning Committee and that the Committee would be receiving a report regarding the proposal soon, and the Chair noted that he was hopeful that a Resolution regarding the degree proposal could be introduced at the November 26 Senate meeting. The Committee discussed.

The Chair asked the Committee if the President’s report and the 2-13 Committee’s report should remain on the Agenda for the November 6 meeting. The Committee discussed and decided to keep them both on the Agenda. VP Barrett noted that the Provost was taking a look at final proposed amendments to the 2-13 SAPP, and the Committee decided that the 2-13 committee should review the proposed changes before they would be submitted to the Executive Committee. The Chair called for a motion to approve the Agenda of the Faculty Senate meeting for November 6, 2023. Motion made, seconded, and carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.