



ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 03, 2017
FACULTY CONFERENCE ROOM

The meeting was called to order by Tom Nordenholz at 11:05 am.

Present: Tom Nordenholz (Chair), Alex Parker (Vice-Chair), Khalid Bachkar, Cynthia Trevisan, Steve Browne, Brent Pohlmann, Keir Moorhead, Dinesh Pinisetty (Secretary)

Guests: Sue Opp (Provost), Nader Bagheri (ME Dept. Chair)

Absent: None

The meeting started off with a brief report from the Provost.

Dean Search: The provost suggested that the position descriptions for school deans will be passed to on-to the search committees and academic executive senate committee for review. We should be expecting to receive the position descriptions within next two weeks.

Educational Advisory Board Tool: It was noted that the CSU chancellor's office offered to pitch in a large portion of the purchase price for a student success management tool system from EAB. This tool creates a customized, predictive model for each student so that the advisors can identify at-risk students and isolate systemic barriers to degree completion. This support from the chancellor's office was a part of graduation initiative 2025.

Cruise: It is officially approved by the President that there will be only one-cruise during 2018 – 2019 academic year. The provost suggested that we should plan the academic year accordingly.

Curriculum Redesign Grant: The provost provided a first draft of the curriculum re-design grant proposal request to the senate executive members asking for a review/suggestions/corrections.

The provost left the meeting at 11:25 am.

Announcements:

The chair announced that Franz Lozano (VP of Administration and Finance) and Daman Grewal (CIO) will be invited to one of the future meetings to discuss about the IT issues on our campus.

The 'Honorary Degree Committee' has been decided. The faculty names has been sent to Brig Timpson.

Alex Parker is trying to accommodate the fee advisory committee. He wants to start by reaching out to the previous members to gauge their interest in serving again.

ME Department Concern:

The ME department chair wanted to express the concern of the ME department to the senate executive committee. It was notified that ME department is not happy for being completely blindfolded in the hiring process of a lecturer to teach the ME Materials class. Even after multiple requests by the ME department chair to get an update on the accommodation of a faculty to teach ME materials class, he was never informed about the new hire. In fact, the department chair came to know about the new hire when he stopped by the lecture class and the academic dean was introducing the new hire to all students in the class.

The whole ME department is not happy about the fact that the department faculty were neither informed nor given a chance to talk with the new hire. They felt disrespected about being blind-folded and hearing to the fact that academic dean instructed all the parties involved, not to provide any updates to the faculty in ME department.

The ME department chair reached out to the senate executive committee to intervene into this matter and encourage cordial relations between the academic administration and the ME department.

The senate executive committee is committed to principles of shared governance and collegial relations between the administration and all the faculty. The senate executive committee recognizes the Dean's right to appoint faculty directly to teaching assignments, but believes that only in the most extenuating circumstances should this occur without the consent of the Department Chair. The committee wants to send out a request to Academic Dean to participate in one of the meetings and shed out some light into this matter.