

SEPTEMBER 5, 1995

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The monthly meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Arvin Vos at 3:35 p.m. in the Helm Conference Room. Present were: N. Baird, R. Davis, J. Glazer, D. Keeling, C. Kell, G. Lohr, M. Lucas, Z. Mohamed, F. Murphy, J. Rasdall, M. Robinson, R. Swift, A. Vos, and B. White.

Chairman Vos announced the schedule for Executive Committee Meetings with the President and indicated that the President had chosen from four names submitted by the Executive Committee for possible membership on the University Athletic Committee John Barnum of Potter College and Linda Johnson of the Business College. The Executive Committee has also received from Vice-President Haynes a request for the names of the three persons from each college and from Academic Services for possible membership on his Advisory Committee.

There followed some inconclusive discussion on ways of getting feedback from persons appointed to serve on University committees.

BY-LAWS, AMENDMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Sen. Baird indicated that the election of faculty regent will be held on October 11 with declarations of candidacy required by September 19.

Sen. Davis announced changes in Senate personnel due to resignations and pointed out the existence of vacancies on some Senate committees.

There was discussion about the status of Blaine Ferrell who is serving as acting head of the Department of Biology. The decision was made to allow him to continue to serve unless there was a challenge to his membership.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Sen. Robinson said that he would be meeting with his committee soon to decide what issues they might take up this year.

Sen. Mohamed brought the group up to date on the problems in filling the position of Dean in the College of Business Chairman. Vos indicated that the president had announced at a college meeting the dissolution of the Search committee with no prior notification of its members. He suggested that in this whole process there may be some issue of faculty governance.

FACULTY STATUS AND WELFARE

Sen. Swift announced his intention of completing the annual survey of salaries by the end of the fall term and suggested that it might include some attention to salary trends, provide a general overview, and point out areas of concern.

FISCAL AFFAIRS

Sen. Keeling indicated the committee would continue to analyze the Western Foundation. He is still waiting for data from the last fiscal year which he had been orally promised to receive.

His committee will also be following up the disposition of the Senate's recommendations regarding part-time faculty, and might consider a survey of part-timers to identify areas of concern.

Chairman Vos suggested that the committee might look at the budgetary resources designated for the recruitment of minorities.

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONCERNS

Sen. Lucas indicated that he hoped to raise once more the issue of changing from department heads to department chairs. His committee will also be working with the statement of professional ethics approved by the Senate last Spring for distribution and comment by the faculty.

COMMUNICATIONS

Sen. White opened a discussion on the nature of the newsletter. The question was raised as to whose opinion newsletter editorials may be supposed to represent. Chairman Vos urged that the newsletter be more news-oriented and that he and the faculty regent might write a regular column. There was general agreement that there should be an emphasis on on-line distribution when that becomes available.

Among items to be considered at the September 14 Senate meeting will be the election of a secretary. The Vice-chairman will provide a report of last year's Senate activities while committee chairs will introduce their members and point out where vacancies exist.

Following some inconclusive discussion about how the Senate might respond to the New Level implementation document. The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Fred Murphy

Secretary