

FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

22 April 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS: **Robert Sprague**, *Chair*; **Ray Stuart Fertig**, *Chair-elect*; **Renée Laegreid**, *Immediate Past-Chair*; **Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz**, *Secretary*; **Gregg Cawley and Tiger Robison**, *Members-at-Large*; and **Ashley Carlisle**, *Member-at-Large-Elect*. *Members-at-large Alvarado and Godby were excused.*

Guest: **David Bagley**, *Chair of the Committee on Committees.*

Chair Robert Sprague called the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSE) meeting to order at 12:17 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 April 15; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair reported that a faculty member had informed him that the Global Engagement office was requiring a local partner and was concerned. The Chair reported that he had communicated with that office, and they had informed him that having a local partner made logistical sense and that he believed it was not a Faculty Senate issue. The Committee discussed and agreed.

The Chair yielded the floor to Chair of the Committee on Committees David Bagley. Chair Bagley reported that he was recruiting new Committee members and that the process was moving forward. Chair Bagley reported that he was also seeking out new Chairs for Faculty Senate Committees. The Committee discussed.

The Chair asked if the by-laws required Committee members and Chairs to be confirmed by the Senate. Chair Bagley responded that the by-laws were contradictory and did not provide a simple answer but that Chairs of Committees did not need to be. Chair Bagley stated that some Committees only required faculty to volunteer to serve, while others required faculty to be elected by their respective colleges and offered that the Faculty Senate should approve the elected members while the Committee on Committees approved volunteer committee volunteers.

The Chair stated that he believed that the Executive Committee should approve elected Committee nominees but deferred to Chair-elect Fertig. Chair-Elect Fertig agreed with the Chair.

The Chair asked if the Committee on Committees had a new Chair. Chair Bagley responded that Gregg Livingstone and Jonathan Carrier had been elected Co-Chairs.

Chair Bagley reviewed the recommended changes to the Review, Tenure, and Promotion Committee (RTPC) proposed by Academic Affairs and explained the reasoning behind raising the term length from three-years to four-years and Academic Affairs' suggestion that the Committee be led by a Chair and Chair-Elect. Chair Bagley stated that the Committee on Committees had concurred with the changes, but felt the Executive Committee should be consulted before recommending the changes. The Committee discussed and decided that the changes should be reviewed and approved by the full senate. The Executive Committee agreed that it would be up to the RTPC to decide whether it wanted to use the Chair/Chair-Elect approach.

Chair Bagley reviewed the changes proposed by Chair of the University Course Review Committee Janelle Krueger. The Committee discussed. The Executive Committee Chair suggested that the Faculty Senate approve the changes to both the Review, Tenure, and Promotion Committee and the University Course Review Committee as one resolution. The Executive Committee agreed.

The Chair of the Executive Committee then thanked Chair Bagley and Faculty Senate Office Associate Noah Engel-Cartie for all their hard work in soliciting Standing Committee members.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:56 pm.