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Minutes
Senate Executive Committee
September 22, 2008

The Executive Committee had a full agenda and addressed the following items during its first meeting of the 2008-09 academic year on September 22.

- 1) Executive Committee worked to finalize appointments to the Student Affairs Committee. A faculty member has been selected to chair the committee and is being contacted. The Student Affairs Committee may have additional tasks this year as assigned by the Exploratory Committee on the Transition from Quarters to Semesters.
- 2) Executive Committee selected Carole Endres to chair the Faculty Affairs Committee.
- 3) The committee discussed the appointment of the Quadrennial Review Committee. The new Faculty Constitution states that a Quadrennial Review Committee must be appointed beginning in 2009 to review the Faculty Constitution and address any changes. Executive Committee approved waiting until January 2009 to appoint the committee.
- 4) Executive Committee discussed the need to reconstitute the Course Materials Committee that was disbanded last year. The committee decided to ask Rich Bullock, English, to report on textbook affordability issues as he attended the Chancellor Fingerhut's symposium on this issue last spring. EC members requested information from the University System of Ohio website on nominating faculty for innovator awards. <http://uso.edu/opportunities/textbooks/innovatorGrants.php>
- 5) Executive Committee assigned one Senator and two Senate representatives to the Athletics Council and forwarded that information on to the appropriate individuals.
- 6) Faculty President Sudkamp received notification from Associate Provost Rickert that the "Administrative Procedures for Allegations of Research Misconduct Policy," approved by Faculty Senate on 4/7/08, has now been approved by the federal government and President Hopkins on 9/9/08. The committee discussed if there was a need to officially rescind the old policy. There was a motion to "interpret adoption of the new policy as simultaneously rescinding and replacing the old policy." The motion was approved by EC.
- 7) The committee noted a few additional committees that needed faculty representation which were filled.
- 8) Dr. Sudkamp updated the committee on FERPA and stated he had attended meetings regarding the issue during the summer. The registrar's office is currently working on faculty friendly materials and hoped to complete them before the start of fall quarter.

Regarding the production of media that is faculty and student friendly, Dr. Sudkamp stated that Gary Dickstein's office has been asked to produce a student friendly pamphlet to educate students on plagiarism.
- 9) Dr. Sudkamp noted to the committee that the Faculty Forum with Chancellor Fingerhut is scheduled for Friday, September 26, 8:15-9:30 a.m. He asked that Executive Committee members distribute information to their college via e-mail about the event. The event is also being promoted via the faculty_governance@wright.edu listserv.
- 10) The committee approved the October 6, 2008 Senate Agenda.