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Senate Executive Committee
Monday, April 15, 2011
Minutes

Update on elections

The committee was updated on the elections process for Senate, Senate Executive Committee, and Faculty President-Elect. Senate Elections are complete and Executive Committee representative names are due from the colleges by May 1. The Faculty President nomination period closed on Monday, April 15. The elections process should start by Monday, April 25.

Update on Faculty Constitution

The Constitution has been posted online and the faculty received official notification that the approval process has begun. A special meeting of the faculty will be held on April 25, 2011. Voting on the Constitution will begin May 23 and close on May 25.

Time-block changes

Semester Director Dr. Herb Dregalla was tasked with revisiting the time-block and making a recommendation to EC. He reported that he is still consulting with deans. We decided to consult with the UCAPC chair since the policy originated from this committee.

Ad hoc Student Conduct Committee recommendations

Executive Committee continued further discussion on the recommendations and concluded their discussion with additional questions for the committee. They have asked the Ad hoc Student Conduct Committee to reconvene, address concerns and report back to EC. It is the goal for the committee to finalize work before the end of spring quarter; however, work may carry over into next academic year.

Report from EC members regarding college certificates

No EC members found any certificates in their colleges lacking academic homes. Since Tom Sudkamp raised the original issue, he will be consulted to see if he had any specific concerns that need to be addressed.

OFC report

Ohio Faculty Council discussed creating a freedom of information request of the IUC to investigate that organizations role in the origins of SB5. It was decided that some individual schools would join together to make the request rather than OFC.

Directors being eliminated in COLA

The Directors of the various Centers were relieved of their duties by the Dean beginning in September. Responsibilities will be shifted to a yet-to-be-hired Assistant Dean from the faculty ranks. Concerns were raised about the lack of consultation with or prior notice to others.

Survey software

Faculty in the Raj Soin College of Business have been seeking input from across campus on types of technology used to conduct surveys. The Executive Committee has asked that the Senate Information Technology Committee have the opportunity to contribute to the discussion. IT Chair Barbara Denison also serves on the RSCOB Technology Committee and will act as a liaison between the two committees.

Diversity & Inclusion initiative

The Benchmarking Committee is investigating online resources and consulting with other schools Diversity and Inclusion officers to see what has been most effective in producing change. This information will be used to create a strategic plan for diversity and inclusion at Wright State. The goal is to have it ready for focus groups by the end of spring quarter.

Approve agenda

The committee approved the agenda for the May 2, 2011 Faculty Senate meeting.