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Minutes
Senate Executive Committee
Monday, September 19, 2011

- 1) The Executive Committee continued discussion regarding alternative time blocks. There was general agreement that the alternative time blocks were superior to those that were approved in November of 2009. EC members who had polled their constituents reported there was unanimous support for the change from those who responded. Nursing had expressed concerns regarding night classes that could be resolved if CONH could reserve rooms back to back for the 3:30 and 5:00 PM time blocks on TTh and the 3:35 and 4:40 PM time blocks on MWF.

There was discussion about the change in the number of daytime time blocks for TTh. The approved time blocks have five daytime and four nighttime blocks whereas the alternative would have six daytime and three nighttime blocks. It may aid department chairs if the 3:30 PM slot was designated something other than "daytime".

Discussion also centered on having a college's courses being preferentially taught in the same class room space as much as possible. There was a general concern that having a college's classes taught in generally the same set of rooms did not seem to enter into the equation for room assignments. The EC thought that continuity in classroom utilization might help foster collegial unity and aid in getting students from one class to another.

- 2) Research Council asked for approval of three faculty members of the Council to be appointed to the "core" Outside Interest Committee. The Executive Committee expressed concern that two of the three names submitted by Research Council for approval were Assistant Professors and felt an appointment of this nature could place them in an untenable situation. The Committee will ask the Research Council to consider full professors or tenured faculty instead.
- 3) The Committee received a request from Paul Hernandez for a faculty member to participate in a study of the statistical consulting function that resides in CaTS as this area is being considered for elimination. The Executive Committee is seeking a volunteer and will forward that person's name on to Paul Hernandez.
- 4) The administration is seeking a faculty representative to participate on the Dependent Verification Appeals Committee. A representative will be recommended once identified.
- 5) Discussion of FERPA laws in regards to letters of recommendation for students was continued from last spring. Travis Doom, Executive Committee representative from CECS, was asked to work with the Registrar's office to bring forth a resolution from Senate on how to handle this issue.
- 6) The Committee worked on making appointments to the Dining Services Committee and the Bookstore Committee.
- 7) Executive Committee discussed the participation of Chairs on Senate committees.
- 8) The Committee approved the October Senate Agenda.