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UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

EXECUTIVE COMMTTEE

March 27, 2012

3:30 p.m., HMSU 227

Present: S. Lamb, J. Conant, R. Guell, T. Sawyer, J. Kuhlman, C. MacDonald, K. Bolinger, T. Hawkins, B. Kilp

Ex officio: Provost J. Maynard, President D. Bradley

1. Administrative report

President Bradley:

a. I have returned from Washington D.C. and the Whitehouse conference on college affordability. It is clear that we are lucky we are not in other states. Many states are still going through absolute and large reductions in state appropriations. New Hampshire just cut their appropriations by half. Missouri tried cutting their appropriations by 12%. Illinois and California still the biggest appropriation-cutting and tuition-raising culprits. We have stabilized.

S. Lamb: Is there any hope for Federal level increases?

President Bradley: Several of the President’s proposals will help us – increase in work-study monies; increase in Perkins and campus-based aid, but the real question is where will it come from? Realistically, the failure of the super-committee to find the cuts and the fact that Congress will not let defense be cut by the amount required means that everything else, education included, will be cut. The only hope long term for Federal education dollars is if there is a significant reform to federal health spending.

Provost Maynard: No report.

1. Chair report – S. Lamb: No report
2. Fifteen Minute Open Discussion

a. K. Bolinger: AAC’s discussion surrounding “the memo” can be described as “perception trumps reality.” Regardless of how much the administration believes they were simply starting a conversation that is not the way it was received. It would have been much better had it been phrased in terms of a series of questions to be answered by governance.

S. Lamb: The *Musing* expressed this sentiment. Again, T. Hawkins framed this well. We now have charges.

b. B. Kilp: We have been in contact with other music departments around the state to see how they are approaching the “120.” Should we not be doing that for all of our large majors?

Provost Maynard: We are doing that for our largest programs. We need to do that especially for those with accreditation. I have an upcoming call with other provosts.

c. K. Bolinger: When there are accreditation-based exceptions, will there still be reductions on those programs.

S.Lamb: I noted that the Civil Engineering Technology program is at 83 hours.

President Bradley: ABET says you can do it all in 3 years.

Provost Maynard: We had to reduce it to 120 or ICHE would not consider it.

T. Sawyer: There is an upper limit in CAPS manual (70) where those programs in excess must justify it.

IV. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Minutes of March 20, 2012 (Vote: R. Guell, K. Bolinger; Vote: unanimous)

V. **MOTION TO APPROVE** **SAC Item Readmission Policy,** (T. Sawyer, J. Kuhlman; Vote: unanimous)

VI. Two faculty names to work with the oversight team for the AACRAO (American Association of Collegiate and Admissions Officers)

* + **MOTION TO ACCEPT** (T. Sawyer, J. Kuhlman; Nominate : P. Bennett, S. Latta; Vote: unanimous)

**Comment/questions:**

**a.** R. Guell : Who are these ACCRAO consultants and what will they have to offer? Nearly everyone they are meeting with are administrators rather than faculty who teach first year students.

President Bradley: They are part of the discussion regarding building a strategy rather than a collection of independent programs. We have to look at a system.

b. K. Bolinger: How did you generate the team?

President Bradley: You are free to add more names. Talk to K. Burgher.

K. Bolinger: W. Barrett?

c. S. Lamb: Do we not want faculty who interact with first year students?

d. J. Conant: The reality is that with 80% administrators, it continues to feed to perception that the consultants, no matter how good they are will not hear from the people they need to hear from.

K. Bolinger: C. Tucker does research in this area. We should add her too.

VII. **MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION** 4:25 p.m. (R.Guell, C. MacDonald; Vote: unanimous

VIII. **MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION** 4:48 p.m**.** (T .Sawyer, J. Kuhlman; Vote: unanimous)

IX. **MOTION TO SEND** short procedural memo, upon advice from M. Sacopolous. (T. Sawyer/ J. Conant Vote: 7-0-1

Meeting adjourned: 4:49 p.m.