

Executive Committee Minutes
August 25, 2014
Noon to 1:30 p.m., ADM 167

Present: Bibb, Dukes, Feinstein, Frazier, Heiden, Kaufman, Kimbarow, Shifflett, Backer, Peter, Daniels, Terry, Sabalius

Absent: Qayoumi

1. New members were welcomed and introductions were made.
2. The Executive Committee approved the minutes of August 18, 2014 (12-0-1).
3. The President's request to reappoint Lucy McProud as the faculty representative to CFAC was approved (13-0-0).
4. The committee discussed the current BOGS policy designating the AVP of Undergraduate Studies as the Chair. A referral was made to the Organization and Government Committee to consider a change in chair assignment as either a faculty member or a designee of the AVP of Undergraduate Studies.
5. The Provost discussed current plans under consideration for restructuring in Academic Affairs:
 - The Provost would like to modify the portfolio of the current AVP of Undergraduate Studies position to include oversight of both undergraduate and graduate academic programs.
 - The associate dean of Graduate Studies would move under this new umbrella to focus on graduate studies.
 - The current AVP of Graduate Studies and Research position would be reconfigured as the AVP of Research and would provide oversight of the Research Foundation.
 - The Chief Operating Officer position in the Research Foundation will be replaced by an Executive Director reporting to the AVP of Research.

The deans and the Provost believe that several ongoing problems in the academic programs, such as scheduling and admissions, can be better addressed under a new structure. Additionally, the proposed structure would allow greater academic oversight of the Research Foundation. The committee discussed concerns that Graduate Studies would lose visibility and potential resources under the proposed structure. Discussions will continue so as to address these concerns before plans are finalized.

6. The committee discussed the technology problems encountered during duty days and over the weekend. The problem was the result of a bug in the system that is being repaired.
7. The committee discussed whether the Latino/Latina and African-American Diversity Taskforces should be made into permanent Senate committees. It was decided that these taskforces might fit best as subcommittees of the Student Success Committee, and that the Student Success Committee could appoint whatever subcommittees they needed without need for Executive Committee or Senate approval.
8. A Fundraising Academy will be hosted by University Advancement on September 19, 2014 in the Student Union from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
9. The committee discussed the need to be more consistent campus-wide in the criteria for awarding scholarships.
10. Topics for future Executive Committee meetings were discussed such as a response to the taskforce on Racial Discrimination, and the reduction of Student fees (SSETF).
11. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

These minutes were taken and transcribed by Eva Joice, Senate Administrator August 25, 2014. The minutes were edited by Chair Heiden on September 2, 2014. The minutes were approved by the Executive Committee on, September 8, 2014.