



Report from Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

October 14, 2010

SKH 369 at 12:45 P.M.

PRESENT: Williams, Karbhari, Severn, Scholz, Newman, English, Rountree, Warboys, Etzkorn, Gupta, Sitaraman, Miller

Reports from Administration:

Dr. Dave Williams—reported he is staying in touch with gubernatorial candidates –we are pointing out the economic impact of the University in the community making a plea for support of education and doing the same with congressional candidates—letting them know the role the federal appropriations process plays in investments in the university—having buildings like Shelby Center, etc. Ray Garner and Koshut helps—spending lot of time on this.

Thanked Liberal Arts for the "Taste of the Arts" put on at the Lowe house. It was attended by about 80 from the University and the local community.

Theatre in Wilson Hall—Presenting the “Dining Room”, encouraged others to go and see it.

Dr. Vistasp Karbhari—reported he sent his report late. Apologized for that—went through the report in brief, number of NISPs presented and approved at the last Board meeting. One proposal is going forward for the BFA—others will go forward as they are completed.

Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services Search is in the final stages—4 on campus interviews are ongoing. Hope selection at the end of the year if not earlier.

Dean of Students Search has resulted in a good strong pool that has been narrowed down to 9 and airport interviews next week—a smaller list will develop from this and will be brought to campus—decision before end of calendar year.

Mr. Ray Pinner sent a memo to Dr. Jennifer English regarding the faculty and staff affected by the display of "A" numbers earlier this year. They have procedures in place for faculty and staff contacted to change the "A" number if they wish.

A budget committee has been formed with representatives from each constituency of the university and they have met once and will continue to meet throughout the year—your suggestions and questions can come through that committee. It is a Standing Committee—with representative from Senate, Staff Senate, etc. The University budget committee goes through Ray Pinner. Continue work on CAPP—well in all colleges-use in spring is hope. Science, BA NUR using limited. LBAR faculty training soon.

Faculty meetings continue and will continue as needed and useful. 1 had 6 2 had 3 and 3 had 0 and if next has 0 will come back to you.

The announcement has been made that Rhonda Gaede will serve as Interim Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Wilson Luquire requested he be allowed to retire and we have agreed he will go on sabbatical in spring and retire after that. David Moore who is the Assistant Dean now be recommended to step in and will serve as Interim Dean of the Library.

The Peer and Aspirant Committee was formed and I have included a list of members. They have met three times, working hard and looking at a lot of data. Members of the committee came by input from the deans.

The Membership for All Academic Affairs committees come from input from the deans.

Question—Is David Moore already Interim? Answer: There will be a transition period as requested by Dr. Luquire so David Moore is serving in that capacity to take care of that.

Question—Safety Issues—Story about other university and office and emergency button—anything like that discussed here ?—Dr. Karbhari reported they are looking at and writing proposals to get money to do some things like that. Continue to look at what can be done. Mike Finnegan and Chief Gales are looking at what can be done in every building. Being done step by step. All expensive but need to be done and need to be integrated with other processes on campus.

Dr. English—reported regarding a recent presentation on campus events

The Vision Statement Committee met. This is a very difficult task.

The Provost will meet with Dr. Jennifer English and Dr. Timothy Newman regarding the Key/Building Entry Policy

Reports/Comments from Dr. Jennifer English, Faculty Senate President

Dr. English reported she has reviewed the University Standing Committees and many of them are in need of faculty representatives. The Governance and Operations Committee will be involved in getting membership up to date for those or which we have involvement. Every Committee should have a Senate representative. Dr. English reported she is looking at the Committee and determining if they are meeting, if they are necessary, etc. There was some discussion regarding how the election of

representative to the Committees should be handled. It will be decided by the Governance and Operations Committee.

Dr. English reported she will call a meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee to discuss the REU and the Distinguished Speaker Series.

NIU brought a comfort quilt that was passed to them and presented is to us with other items. President Dave Williams gave the President at NIU a framed picture of painted hands.

Dr. English brought a point of business for the Executive Committee. Bob Frederick was elected by his department to serve on the Faculty Senate. He is also currently serving as Part Time Interim Director of the Propulsion Research Center. He wants to be told officially that he cannot serve or he wants to serve. Dr. English reported she thinks we have to change the Senate bylaws to say specifically who cannot serve and then send a letter or agree to make an exception. Discussion ensued regarding this. We may need stricter rules for covering this. Center Directors are more reluctant to stand up when it matters than line faculty are. There are risk involved because of divided loyalties. Take a strong stand against allowing Center Directors.

Jeet Gupta moved to let Bob Frederick continue this year—The Governance and Operations Committee must put a bill forward to change the Senate Bylaws to state who is eligible and who is not. Dr. English withdrew her motion because Jeet Gupta wants two motions. Dr. Laurie Joiner seconded Jeet Gupta's motion.

Dr. Timothy Newman stated the Faculty Senate has a right to interpret the Senate Bylaws and ask someone not to serve and go back to the department and ask for another representative to be elected. Jeet Gupta Called the question on the motion .

Dr. English pointed out that the Faculty Senate Meetings are open meetings and anyone can attend. They cannot vote but they can attend. She stated she thinks we should wait for a Senator to make motion on the floor objecting to Bob's attendance at Senate and if Senate votes to ask him not to serve then the action is taken. We have to wait until he votes and someone objects. Dr. English humbly requested Jeet Gupta withdraw his motion. Dr. Jeet Gupta withdrew the motion.

Finance and Resources Committee

Dr. Jennifer English will call a meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee to talk about Distinguished Speaker Series and the REU since Finance and Resources does not have a Chair yet.

Faculty and Student Development

Ina Warboys submitted a report. There was brief discussion regarding the alternative means to identify others who are faculty of excellence because there are more faculty of excellence than just the one.

Governance and Operations

Jeet Gupta reported he had nothing to add to his submitted report.

Personnel

Dr. Bhavani Sitaraman reported they have two bills for the agenda today. They met for a long time—they attempted to keep the spirit of the bill and incorporate the changes the Personnel Committee wanted.

Undergraduate Curriculum

Dr. Laurie Joiner had nothing added to the written report submitted.

Undergraduate Scholastic Affairs

Dr. Clarke Rountree reported the Committee addressed the question and concerns of the Library Bill and amended it to say with the issue of the non UAH members they would be issues a card for a fee not exceeding \$1. The Provost made a statement to Dr. English that they are planning on security people instead of using the card swipe system. This came as a result of Dr. English informing the Provost that this policy might be forthcoming. The Provost had asked to be informed of things coming down the pike because he can give information in advance that the Faculty Senate may not know. Dialogue is good and then the Faculty Senate can decide when legislation is needed The Committee is not discussing honors calculations.

Faculty Handbook Committee

Dr. Jennifer English reported the Personnel Committee will get something soon from the Handbook Committee to look at. Chapters 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9 is complete and ready for Personnel to take a look at Personnel will look at it then the Executive Committee will look at it and talk about it as body and it comes back through to the Faculty Senate and then on to Administration and then the Board approves.

Ombudsperson

Dr. Carmen Scholz—welcome—Dr. English reported she will have lots of stuff for you soon.

Old Business

Dr. English has a letter from Ray Pinner for those who want to change their "A" Numbers.

Dr. Timothy Newman and Dr. Jennifer English will meet with the Provost regarding the key/building entry policy.

The Standing Committee—will be formulized and sent to the Provost and then come back to Senate to populate.

Senate Bill 339—Department Chair Eligibility--from Personnel —Dr. Bhavani Sitaraman looked at what the Handbook says—tenure track or tenured. The Committee put in tenured, tenure track with commitment to academic standards for internal and for external search—tenured or eligible for tenure and commitment to academic goals. Relevant —should not hold concurrent appointments in more than

one department or another administrative position. Look at as part of the Handbook revision. Dr. Jeet Gupta—points out that in line 14-22 it takes over the prerogative of the department. Lines 29-32—no reason to be different from lines 23-28. In lines 36-37—cannot retroactively approve a bill. Being chairs in 2 departments both academic positions and could be if department decides that is best. Director inconsistent or above academic chair with role of department and clarify. Lines 30-32—department just appointed a Chair who is a Director and would not want that to be prevented. Dr. Sitaraman reported the Committee talked about this a lot and one point to make is that it is not just about having multiple positions but about different types of loyalties and interests—the Director of a research center has different priorities and interests. If a person were a dean he/she cannot represent the college and department at the same time. Academic department --should not muddy the waters with different interests and priorities. This defines structure and procedures. Motion by Dr. Clarke Rountree and seconded by Dr. Rich Miller

Dr. Jeet Gupta Proposed to delete lines 29-32 and proposed new language—this lets the department make the decision. Replace lines 24-30- and delete lines 31-33. Dr. Letha Etzkorn seconded the motion—Motion failed. Dr. Ina Warboys proposed leave it as is and put a period at the end of "associate dean" and strike "or director of center". Line 36 fix semantics. Motion fails.

Dr. Timothy Newman moved to put it on the agenda for second reading.

Dr. Jeet Gupta moved to adjourn—motion failed. Dr. Jeet Gupta left at this point.

Dr. Laurie Joiner left at this point.

Dr. Clarke Rountree seconded the motion to put the bill on the agenda at second reading.

Agenda for the upcoming meeting

New business—Dr. English reported that Dr. Larry Cantor requested to come and talk 5 minutes—Ashley Ewing and Pam Tejes want to come and talk to faculty about security awareness.

On the Agenda

Ashley Ewing and Pam Tejes on agenda to talk for brief time about security awareness

Bill 347—Library Security on the Agenda at 3rd reading

Bill 345--Procedures for Delivery and Administration Response/Actions of Faculty Senate at 3rd reading

Bill 341--University Committee Transparency at 3rd reading

Bill 349—Non Senators on Senate Committees at 2nd reading

Bill 339--Department Chair Eligibility at 2nd reading

Dr. Clarke Rountree moved, seconded by Dr. Timothy Newman to adjourn.