Faculty Senate



FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE MEETING April 13, 2017 12:30 P.M. in CTC 101

Present: Mike Banish, Carmen Scholz, Joseph Taylor, Laird Burns, Tim Newman, Ramon Cerro, Kader Frendi, Christine Sears, Christina Carmen, Earl Wells, James Swain

Ex-Officio: Provost Christine Curtis

Guests: President Bob Altenkirch

Faculty Senate President Mike Banish called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm.

> Meeting Review:

- Bill 408 passed first reading and approved for senate agenda.
- IRB Policy moved to senate agenda.
- Bicycle Policy moved to senate agenda.
- Bill 404 was sent back to committee.
- Bill 403 moved to senate agenda.
- Bill 393 moved to senate agenda.
- Librarian Policy moved to senate agenda.
- Bill 406 moved to senate agenda.
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Administrative Reports

- President Bob Altenkirch
 - Residence halls will be full again in the fall. We set up lease agreements with four apartment complexes. They are within six miles of campus. We are trying to see if we need to provide transportation. The students pay the university, and we turn around and pay the management company. They are getting a discount by going through us. The charge is comparable to the cost of Charger Hall. The lease is for twelve months. The student can stay nine out of the ten academic months. We have to fill 75%. We have 209 beds.
 - The VP for Finance and Administration search committee is set. The announcement will go out soon. There have been organizational changes, I will send out an email pertaining to that. Telecommunications is being disbanded or moved to OIT. We are going to move to VoIP. It is cheaper than telephones.
 - Several of us have formed together a committee to look over the parking maps. I have a lot of data on the number of spaces needed to accommodate the enrollment number for fall. The plan is to move ahead and make it simple. The preference is going to hang tags. We will color code the lots. Likely, you will be able to park in multiple places. We should be able to do this within the next few weeks. We have a hang tag design for NASA people at Cramer Hall.

- The Board approved the purchase of the executive plaza. That is 58 acres across from the Beville Center. It has a lot of low office buildings. It has entrance ways on Sparkman, University, Wynn, and Holmes Ave. In 2014, the owner talked with us about redeveloping it. We met with attorneys and their developer. A redevelopment plan was created to include a Publix and apartments. They then defaulted on their loan. When they defaulted, there was a foreclosure sale. Country Life Insurance hired a real estate developer company and they came to speak with us. They received one offer on the property and rejected it. We decided to go ahead and buy this land. This will allow for university expansion, redevelopment. It's a long term project. We have 120 days to do due diligence. There is a lot of vacant space there.
 - Ramon Is this something that is being done by the board or state money?
 - President University money.
 - Ramon Is the university allowed to do commercial ventures like this?
 - President Yes, we won't own those places, but in a lease situation. Right now, the process is to get a general top level plan. The developer would market it. We would then execute a ground lease.
 - Tim Are you borrowing money or is it internal?
 - President Cash, \$7.1M. The asking price was \$7.5M.
 - Laird Would this allow us to grow the campus and invade this nicely developed area?
 - President We would want to set aside an area for expansion.
 - Earl It seems like to me to grow in one direction makes it possible to grow in the other direction.
 - President That is why the decision to go ahead and buy before land flippers took over. The only other piece of land available is the two churches on Holmes. That is much smaller and we couldn't do what I have described. The board advised to not let that go.
 - Carmen What is VoIP?
 - President You won't know the difference in what you have to what we are going to. VoIP will go down if the network goes down.
 - Joseph what is the cost savings?
 - Provost I don't know the answer to that yet.
 - Carmen In regards to VP of Finance search, is there someone from the research side of faculty involved?
 - Mike For those of you who didn't make it to the BOT meeting, Bob on behalf of the administration, put their reaffirmation on our reaffirmation on Bill 405. I heard that C&G accounting are moving under the VPR?
 - President Yes, they are. It completes the front end with the back end. It is that way at many universities.
 - Mike We sent you the cover a charger bill, do you have comments?
 - President Not yet.
 - Mike I will not be present at the faculty senate meeting Thursday. Carmen will take over in my place.
- o Provost Christine Curtis
 - We have faculty awards this Friday from 3-5 pm. We will also be publicly announcing tenure promotions. On May 7th, that is commencement, please

respond to Peggy. Our speaker will be dynamic. We have a request by several units to change our scheduling policy. The changes that we would allow would be registration. Some units need to be able to register for courses several times. We will be putting this into place as interim. I will get it to you for discussion in the fall.

> Officer/Committee Reports

- Mike Banish, President
 - I want to recognize that the President did mention our resolution on inclusiveness and diversity. After the BOT meeting, the Chancellor requested to meet with the three faculty senates. He advised increasing more communication all the way down from the faculty level. He wants feedback from us on how we would like to interact with other institutions at the faculty level. We were told there were funds available to help this.
 - Ramon What kind of interactions does he have in mind?
 - Mike Collaborative.
 - Laird- He seemed shocked there was more interest than he thought.
 - Carmen His idea was to start with the non-tenured faculty. We mentioned tenured as mentors.
 - Mike He walked away surprised of the excitement. He did encourage us to work together with shared ideas. He wants to see this discussion increase and continue.
 - Kader The goal is to start next summer.
 - Mike When we met after, we decided faculty senate presidents would keep in communication. We placed the responsibility on faculty student development to stay in touch to get this going.
- Mike Tim, I will let you tell me. MAE has had two senators that have missed several meetings. The bylaws say if you miss three in a row without a proxy, you are automatically dismissed. One senator has missed six and the other four. I would like to vote.
 - Tim There isn't a vote that is your call. The process is if you make that call, then you would notify the departments that the seats are vacated and they need to be replaced. They can send the same member again.
 - Mike Do we want to remove one of them or both of them?
 - Joseph Babak is on our committee and he comes to our meetings. He isn't totally absent.
 - Mike Lin is removed.
 - Christine He is removed.
 - Tim Are there any other representatives that we know aren't attending? In my view, we want people on senate that will show up. It makes it hard to get quorum with vacant seats.
 - Carmen We were lax in enforcing the rules. Next year, they will be enforced very strongly.
 - Ramon Shotorban missed three in a row.
 - Joseph He comes to the committee meetings.
 - Ramon Committees are different than senate meetings.
 - Tim Lin missed twice our threshold. Babak was only at three?
 - Mike Yes.
 - Carmen Shotorban has had proxy. I think to keep things simple, let's stay with the one removal. We will start next year to enforce that it is recorded.

- Joseph Just reviewing for the RCEU is a lot of work.
- Mike Christina, if you will ask Dr. Hollingsworth to have this election done by next week.
- Christina Since I am a proxy, do I convey to Monica or take the lead?
- Mike Take over for her.
- Kader MAE has staggering terms and the ball has been dropped.
- Carmen How does replacing Lin's term affect the staggering?
- Tim It will just replace his term.
- Mike I would like to make it for two years. All in favor. Ayes carry.
- Ramon I think since Carmen will be President, if you miss two in a row you should be sent a reminder.
- Carmen Scholz, President-Elect
 - As President-Elect we have three new bills provided to us. A bill was provided to me anonymously by someone. Tim, can we accept the bill that way?
 - Tim Yes as long as they are part of the university.
 - Mike This bill will be 408. I want to move this to the floor of the senate. Tim moves, Laird seconds.
 - Ramon We have the right to know who put together this bill.
 - Mike A legal member of the faculty submitted it.
 - Tim They can do it anonymously and there is no rule they have to be known.
 - Mike All those in favor of passing first reading. 1 opposed. Ayes carry.
 - Tim We have had several bills that we have passed that we haven't received a response on. Can we ask them about this at the meeting?
 - Mike Did we pass patent and copyright?
 - Laird No, it went to committee.
 - Joseph We looked at appendixes.
 - Ramon What is 402?
 - Carmen It is in faculty and student development.
 - Tim We have to do this?
 - Mike It happened last time. It is like NASA EPSCOR.
 - Tim Is this back for us to review? It doesn't say who does the review.
 - Mike It is always under the VPR.
 - Tim It seems that the purpose of this would be that the VPR doesn't make a self selection.
 - Mike As long as he gives a written report at the end.
 - Ramon Can you write that there has to be faculty representation?
 - Mike Tim, do you want to take this and work on it.
 - Earl What is the procedure?
 - Tim Is the committee going to report this out?
- Kader Frendi, Past President
 - No report.
- Tim Newman, Parliamentarian
 - No report.
- Carmen Scholz, Ombudsperson
 - No report.
- o Christina Carmen, Proxy for Governance and Operations Committee Chair

- I am proxy for Monica. This is straight from Monica. These are the newly elected senators for 2017. The nominations for ombudsperson are needed.
- o Christine Sears, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Chair
 - No report.

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- Joseph Taylor, Finance and Resources Committee Chair
 - Distinguished speakers proposals are due the 20th.
 - Carmen How many do you have?
 - Joseph We have three or four for eight spots. We split the calls last year but I am not passing that off. We are just doing one.
 - Carmen Could the deadline be extended?
 - Joseph It could be extended some, but not into May.
- James Swain, Undergraduate Scholastic Affairs Committee Chair
 - I got a decisive vote on IRB, 07.01.02. I don't know what happens after I report they have been approved, but I am reporting it.
 - Carmen What is the procedure?
 - Mike It will go on the packet for Thursday?
 - Tim We have to vote to send it to faculty.
 - James I move that this get reviewed by senate. Mike seconds. Ayes carry.
 - Earl Wells, Faculty and Student Development Committee Chair
 - I haven't received anything negative on the bicycle policy. I haven't received any negative feedback that we need to change anything. I think the bill goes out of committee unaltered.
 - Mike All in favor of moving policy forward. Ayes carry.
- \circ $\,$ Mike Bills 403, 404, and 400 went out to committees.
 - Carmen I move bill 404 back to committee.
 - Tim I move 403 to senate. Laird seconds. Ayes carry.
- Laird In regards to SIE, I have an issue with the first note about the tenth week. I think that is too early.
 - Mike We had the report from the SIE committee. Bill 393 we had tabled. The Provost asked us to table it because there was a committee. She did ask us what the committee said.
 - Christine Does feedback go to you or her?
 - Mike I guess to me.
 - Ramon The committee is saying let's make what is there better. The bill is saying we need another system.
 - Laird I think there is good in both of them, but they need to be looked over.
 - Christine I sent this out to my committee and history faculty. The feedback came down to two things. One being if we want good results, what do those results mean? Is it sound to give extra credit to those who respond? Secondly, when we used the paper method, we got higher returns. We realize administrative costs are high but that makes the most sense.
 - Mike I agree with you. In Madison County, we do optical scanners and ballots, they can't cost too much.
 - Carmen I was told that in no uncertain terms that paper will not come back.
 - Laird The committee was told paper would not come back. If we care to entertain this argument, I am ok with that.

- Mike I would like to make an amendment to bill 393 that SIE's be done during the 11th week. Would that make business happy?
- Laird We do it during the last two weeks of class.
- Mike I would like to make a motion for an amendment that it is done during the 12th week of class.
- Tim We need a motion to send to senate.
- Ramon I motion to send 393 to the senate.
- Mike I would like to make an amendment that SIE's be done during the 12th or 13th week of the semester.
- Laird Do we keep them open until the 13th week?
- Mike No, all in favor. Ayes carry. With amendment, I motion to send to senate. Ramon seconds. 1 opposed. Ayes carry.
- Joseph My committee reviewed this as well. One thing in my committee is we need to know how these will matter for tenure.
- Ramon The bill says it should be solely students.
- Mike Do I have a motion to continue for ten minutes? Christina motions. Ayes carry.
- Librarian Policy
 - Joseph I talked with David Morgan again. This bill got caught up with lecturer policy. I want this separated. We aren't asking for tenure just promotion. Their job isn't as desirable because they don't have this in place. I think we owe this to them to get it in place. I think the administration rejected it because of one sentence. I don't know that we even need that sentence in there.
 - Tim Was there an expression as to why there was a concern with that?
 - Joseph He was combining lecturer and librarian together.
 - Mike He did cloud them together. We say that board rule 301 exists. We would like for them to have a review.
 - Tim I think the policy needs to go before the senate.
 - Kader This is long overdue. We were going to pass it in my term.
 - Mike All in favor of moving this to the floor. Ayes carry.
- Bill 406 & 407 They are the ones that came out of faculty senate meeting.
 - Tim We had 407 before and it was shot down. I don't think that 407 will fly.
 - Mike All in favor of moving 406 to senate. Christina seconds. Ayes carry.
 - Carmen 407 has been considered before. The faculty wanted it and nothing came from it.
 - Tim The librarian people told Brett that the providers won't agree to this.
 - Carmen What is the deal that they have special permits to get into other databases?
 - Joseph You can request from the librarians at the other universities to be guest.
 - Mike This seemed to be something the Chancellor seemed happy to do. Let Bob work with the other Presidents and the Chancellor.
 - Joseph It is very expensive.
 - Mike- Do I have a motion to move 407. Carmen seconds. 1 opposed. Ayes carry.
- > Approval of agenda for faculty senate meeting 578. Add the following to the agenda:
 - Librarian Policy
 - IRB Human Subjects
 - Bill 402
 - Bill 406

- Bill 407
- Bill 393
- Bicycle Policy
- Bill 403
- Bill 408
- All in favor ayes carry.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.