Arts and Sciences Executive Committee Minutes

245 Patterson Office Tower

Tuesday, September 12, 2018

9:00am – 10:00am

Not in attendance: Suzanne Segerstrom and Akiko Takenaka

Chair nomination

Ana Rueda will be chair in the fall semester and Steve Yates will chair the spring semester.

Vote on Area Committees for Promotion and Tenure

Steve Yates moved to approve the faculty on the area committees and Srimati Basu second. All approved.

Brief Discussion and Vote on Center for Equality and Social Justice

The group discussed the Center for Equality and Social Justice, an Initiative started by Christia Brown from the Department of Psychology in 2016. A proposal is going forward to the Senate to make the CESJ an official university Center housed in the College of Arts and Sciences. It is expected that the Center will undergo an external review every 5 years, investments will be made by the colleges, and at the university level. The Committee unanimously approved the proposal to go forward to the Senate.

Dean’s Update

The Dean informed the committee of the University’s movement called ‘Our Path Forward’ and its goal to increase revenue by $210 million dollars over the next 5 years.

Some of the ideas to generate this money include creating online Masters Programs, growing online courses for non-degree student and professionals, and increasing the international student populations and 3+2 programs.

Capital campaign

The University launched its Capital Campaign this September with a goal of $2.1 billion dollars with a reach back to 2012. The College plans to run a campaign for each department and has a goal of $55 million dollars, of which about $45 million has been raised. ‘Kentucky Can’ is the slogan for the campaign and several people are disappointed that it is not more creative, persuasive, or powerful.

Discussion on Endowed Chairs

The Dean asked the committee members for advice on how to choose the faculty that receive the named chairs and professorships. There was a broad discussion on criteria and ideas. The Dean asked that people continue to think about this and it would be up for discussion throughout the year.