Arts and Sciences Executive Committee Minutes

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

9:00 – 10:30 am

245 Patterson Office Tower

Attendance: Chana Akins, Anibal Biglieri, Anna Bosch, Jeremy Crampton, Mark Kornbluh, Wolfgang Korsch, Carl Lee, Betty Lorch, Ted Schatzki, and Kirsten Turner

Faculty Rules Changes

The rules currently allow chairs to sit on the EPC and Executive Committee. Several people do not think that chairs should be allowed to do this since they already have a voice in the council of chairs. We have changed the rules not to allow chairs on these two committees. However, some chairs were not happy about it because the statement implies that department chairs are not faculty. None of the chairs in the meeting had a problem with the changes and suggest we move forward as planned. The executive committee agreed. If a floor amendment happens at the Faculty meeting, we will move forward from there and can make changes again in the fall.

Campaigning for positions and votes

A faculty candidate wanted to provide some information about himself to those voting on the University Senate members. There was a question of whether or not this was fair to others who were nominated. The committee discussed whether or a personal statement or information about the nominees should be required. There was a motioned that a short paragraph or a link to their faculty website should be provided by each candidate. A second motion commenced and the rule was passed.

Dean’s Update

Faculty Disciplinary Action

The dean informed the group of a proposed AR which governs faculty. The BOT never delegated this responsibility to the faculty and the president asked the senate to come up with an AR.

Budget Update

The college did not receive any additional money from the university this year. No money for LLPs, no money for diversity, etc. The dean has three main concerns 1) how will we pay for bench scientist in the future, graduate education success and future and 3) stopping the erosion of the Humanities. However, the dean is not discouraged and the College is fine- we are hiring and have much more than some other colleges.

Student Credit Hours

The dean shared information from the enrollment management team regarding student credit hours for each department.

Graduate Education Retreat

The dean informed the group about the upcoming graduate education retreat and invited them to join.