

Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Council
October 28, 2014

Members present: Kim Gainer, Vince Hazleton, Laura Jacobsen, Jerry Kopf (chair), Susan Schoppelrey, Carter Turner

Guests: Matt Dunleavy, Bill Kennan, Sam Minner

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. The minutes for October 21, 2014, were approved with the correction of “Dr. Carter” to “Dr. Turner.”
3. Dr. Kopf will ask the FIC to elect an interim chair to substitute for Dr. Barris, and he will contact Dr. Devaney to ask her to arrange for an interim senator for the Department of Art.
4. The council discussed the Motion on Establishing a Fall Break and agreed that the motion should not be withdrawn but should proceed to a vote in order to allow for a full discussion of the issue and to put the Senate on record.
5. The council agreed that the FIC should be asked to propose language for the T & R Faculty Handbook that would specify the procedure to follow when someone comes in with credit for one or two years of service.
6. The council discussed how best to bring the faculty into discussions of the budget.
 - The provost met with the RAC last year and indicated his willingness to meet with the RAC this year.
 - Dr. Hazleton suggested that the chair of the RAC be present at discussions between the deans and the provost; Dr. Kopf expressed concern that there may be some discussions that need to take place between the deans and the provost without faculty present but suggested instead that the RAC be given an opportunity to react to draft budgets.
8. The council discussed the formation of task forces.
 - The provost stated that in the future when task forces are formed faculty would be given an opportunity to choose some members.
 - The provost indicated that it would be possible to reconstitute the Career Services working group so that conversation could continue about the future of Career Services.
 - It was agreed that the FSEC would appoint members to the RU Futures Commission and to the search committee for the director of Career Services. [Dr. Hazleton and Dr. Schoppelrey were chosen, respectively.]
9. The council discussed how it would be determined when the faculty should be informed about decision-making under way. Dr. Kopf stated that the FSEC should be informed about decisions that have strategic implications. He suggested that the following avenues be utilized to keep the faculty informed and involved:

- The provost continues to meet regularly with the FSEC.
- The provost approaches the FSEC to solicit senate representation on task forces.
- The Faculty Senate has an opportunity to review and comment upon programs and policies before implementation.

10. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.