

Executive Committee Meeting

April 12, 2019

Present: R Soto, S Bosco, A Updike, R Cole, L D'Amore, A Workman

Updates from President Bosco:

Received NECHE letter re: curricular process for UC

Asked for update about Name Change policy for faculty & staff: A. Workman will ask Joe Sasse Co-General Counsel and will follow up about this, it's somewhat complicated –

VP Ame Lambert visited Faculty Senate to review draft of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan, and solicited suggestions for future Faculty Senate involvement/partnership. Session went well with positive participation.

Registrar D O'Driscoll visited Faculty Senate to review new graduation application online

The Senate requested that the Registrar send the student e-mail about the process to All-Faculty (received 4/12)

Also: degree audit updates to faculty are being sent to advisors again.

Discussed Faculty Senate motion to request that the policy about International students living on campus be followed

Discussed Faculty Senate motion to investigate internship prep course. Academic Standards and Policies Committee will take this on.

Concern is that the 10-week session is inflexible; students who get late internships cannot add it, and find themselves in the position of not getting credit or paid; concerned about accessibility to course

Discussed the FS Curriculum Committee's new track for minor changes that will allow e-vote

Registrar is trying to pull together meeting of Curriculum Committee chairs across schools to debrief about first year of Curriculog use.

President Workman's Update:

Transition meeting with new President, and new E-Comms, will be after 8/19 –

President Designate Miaoulis is planning to use 30 minutes of the Fall Faculty Conference to update about what he has learned in his listening sessions

President Bosco requested that information about placement processes for incoming students be clearly communicated to faculty ahead of summer orientation – self-selection for writing, as well as foreign language and math placements.

Provost Cole will ask Bob Shea to communicate about foreign language and math, and placement for writing studies.

President Bosco asked for clarification about messaging about SEECM: initially, the building of a new building was controversial, and so there is surprise that the old building is “up for grabs,” via proposals from other programs to use the space. People thought the new building was because being built existing space has been outgrown – now there is empty space?

President Workman: Engineering faculty do not think there actually will be much empty space; there will be space available for serious shortages of space-needs for sciences.

Master plan has already done an analysis – problems in Natural Science (that they are at capacity and cannot effectively do research) will not be alleviated in next 5-7 years, and so they may move some labs, share time/usage. These are multi-use spaces; no one bldg. should be used by only one group

VP Soto: The messaging presented at Faculty Senate sounded like an opening for proposals for how to use the space. Will an invite come? For proposals on how to use various spaces?

Provost Cole: Yes – for example, maybe Psychology, Journalism, etc, might make proposals

President Bosco: The Elections Committee is co-sponsoring a third faculty happy hour – will use money from the Faculty Senate budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate