

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Present:** Anaya, Bender, Guevara, Nickerson, Reisbig, Rinkevich, Schubert, Sollars, Woodman, Wysocki

**Absent:** Joeckel, Ruchala, Zoubek

**Date:** Wednesday, May 15, 2013

**Location:** Faculty Senate Office

**Note:** These are not verbatim minutes. They are a summary of the discussions at the Executive Committee meeting as corrected by those participating.

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### 1.0 Call to Order

Guevara called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### 2.0 Announcements

#### 2.1 Faculty Replacement on the University-wide Benefits Committee

Griffin reported that the name of a faculty member has been forwarded to the Chancellor for consideration of being appointed to the University-wide Benefits Committee.

### 3.0 Approval of 5/1/13 Minutes

Rinkevich moved for approval of the revised minutes. The motion was seconded by Wysocki. Schubert stated that he feels the deletions made by Ledder were unacceptable. Woodman agreed and questioned whether meetings should be held if people are going to take back most of what they said. Guevara noted that Ledder gave his opinion on the ACE procedures, but deleting most of what he said waters down the information provided. Reisbig pointed out that Ledder may have wanted to be careful not to mislead people about the proposed changes to the ACE procedures. Woodman asked if the minutes are an official record of the meeting. Griffin stated that they are considered the official recording. Guevara stated that he believes the Chancellor, Senior Vice Chancellor, and Vice Chancellor, should be given more flexibility in editing the minutes because of the sensitivity of some of the issues they discuss, but the Executive Committee should be wary of allowing guest speakers to do serious editing on what they have said during a meeting. Wysocki noted that when a guest speaker requests to speak to the Executive Committee and then changes his/her mind about what they said during the meeting such changes should not be allowed. Nickerson stated that he read the minutes before and after the edits and had the impression that Ledder came as a peacemaker between the Executive Committee and the UCC ACE subcommittee so the proposed changes can be made without there being a jurisdictional battle. Reisbig pointed out that the revised minutes maintain the integrity of the meeting. The minutes were approved 7 to 2.

Griffin suggested that an announcement be made at the beginning of the Executive Committee meetings when visitors are present informing them that the minutes are a

record of what is stated during the meeting and anyone speaking can go off the record if they do not want some things recorded. Woodman made the motion that the President state to visitors upfront about the rights and responsibilities of the minutes and that they are recorded and should be careful how they speak. Reisbig seconded the motion. Rinkevich called the question. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **4.0 Unfinished Business**

##### **4.1 Clarification of Charge to ACE Ad Hoc Committee**

Guevara stated that the Senate's approval and charge to create an ad hoc committee to review the ACE procedures was very clear in that the committee is to examine operational procedures of the ACE program and recommend changes/improvements. He pointed out that the charge does not call for the ad hoc committee to look into how the University-wide Assessment Committee operates or whether it is in the domain of the ACE governance document to charge a Senate committee as called for during the May 1 Executive Committee meeting. He noted that he still has concerns with the University Curriculum Committee's procedures and composition.

Guevara pointed out that the Senate seems to be excluded from making decisions regarding the UCC ACE Subcommittee even though the UCC is a Faculty Senate committee. He stated that it is as if the responsibility has been given to the Senate, yet the Senate is not allowed to make changes to the procedures of its own committee. He pointed out that the Senate has the power to establish the composition of a Senate committee and determine its responsibilities so it should have the ability to make changes to a subcommittee. Wysocki stated that he believes this is an operational procedure and would fall under the purview of the ad hoc committee. Reisbig questioned whether the creation of an ACE subcommittee came from outside the UCC and the Senate. Griffin pointed out that the Executive Committee can review and suggest changes to the Senate on the composition and responsibilities of the UCC. She noted that the Faculty Senate President's appointment to the UCC is only for a one year term which is contrary to almost all of the other standing committees where the appointment is for three years. Reisbig suggested that the ad hoc committee could make a recommendation for the Senate appointed member of the UCC to serve a three year term.

Nickerson stated that the ad hoc committee should look to clarify and build bridges so changes can be made to the ACE procedures that will address the faculty concerns that have been raised. He pointed out that this issue needs to get resolved.

#### **5.0 New Business**

##### **5.1 Proposed Changes to Student Code of Conduct**

Reisbig stated that it does not appear that the students looked at the document as a whole because some of the proposed changes seem to be in the wrong location in the document. Bender noted that the section titles do not mesh with the contents in some areas. Schubert suggested that it would be helpful to have ASUN provide a list of changes and the reasons for the proposed changes. Guevara stated that the Executive Committee members should review the proposed changes and makes recommendations to him so he can send the information back to ASUN for them to make corrections. Anaya asked

when the comments were needed. Nickerson suggested that comments be ready by the next Executive Committee meeting.

Schubert stated that there should be a discussion with ASUN because while some of the proposed changes fit, it may not reflect what the students really want. Woodman suggested that the Executive Committee should deal with the sections that relate to the faculty. He recommended that the proposed changes be made in a more finished format in compliance with the existing document.

Sollars suggested that ASUN review other Big Ten school's code of conduct and propose changes to UNL's policy that would make it similar to the other school's policy.

The Executive Committee agreed to discuss recommendations at the next meeting.

## **5.2 May 29 Meeting?**

The Executive Committee determined that more than half of the members would be gone at the time of the May 29 meeting and cancelled the meeting due to lack of a quorum. Guevara stated that he will contact Chancellor Perlman, who was scheduled to meet with the Committee, to see if the Chancellor wants to speak to him directly.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on Wednesday, June 12 at 3:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Faculty Senate Office. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Griffin, Coordinator and Toni Anaya, Secretary.