



**ACADEMIC SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

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11:30 AM - 12:50 PM

PLN-120

Present: Bonney, Brunelle, Brusckke, Dabirian, Gradilla, Myck-Wayne, Oliver, Patton, Shahi, Stambough, Stohs

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stambough called the meeting to order at 11:33 am.

II. URGENT BUSINESS

- Memo from the Constitution Committee.

The fundamental problem is last year we had a motion made on the floor to change Article II, Section 2 to have 29 people in constituency seats and six people in at-large seats. The second part is in the Constitution it also specifies the number of senators to be elected in the constituency and the at-large seats, which was also discussed on the Senate floor. So at this point, we have a Constitution that tells us two different things. The current Constitution says 29 and six, but it also states that we elect five at-large and ten constituency seats every year.

We have a bit of a crisis because there is no constitutionally appropriate way to solve this unless the amendment passes the Senate without dissent. If we do not amend the Constitution on the floor on March 8th and pass it without dissent, we will be in a difficult position, and at that point, someone will have to make an extra-constitutional decision. After talking to senators during the discussions back in November, most senators said we do not want to increase the number of Senate seats.

Here are the solutions: One solution is to have the current amendment. The other way to deal with it is to modify the total number away from a prime number, and it could go in either direction, but it makes more sense to add one than to take one away.

The first issue is first in Article II, Section 3. If we change that so it is permissive, we say elect at least "X" number of constituency seats and "X" number of at-large seats then if we made changes upstairs to Article II, Section 2 on the number of seats, we will be ok. It also means if we need to elect one-year terms, we can treat them as vacancies for a particular constituency. The only option to get us to not having one-year terms is to add three seats to the Senate if we do that we are done, and that fixes everything immediately.

Recommendation from the Executive Committee:

Through attrition, we reduce the at-large seats so that two are elected every year. The five at-large seats come up, two are elected, and the other three are folded into constituency seats. We increase the size of constituency seats for the total number of seats by three which allows for a seamless transition.

- The American Language Program is under consideration to be eliminated or outsourced and many people have expressed concerns to me, but I have not heard any official word from anyone who would be making that decision. Personally knowing some of the people, they are terrified and don't know what's going on, and they don't feel anyone is telling them what's going to happen. They know their careers are in danger and not sure if they should be looking elsewhere. There is some confusing thing where they're teaching only exclusively in Extended Education but are Unit 3 faculty, so they are not covered by the program discontinuance, but they might be covered by the CBA. I have heard both that it could be profitable again and it also that can't possibly make money; it's a dead program. It seems like this is precisely an issue the Academic Senate should consider and understand.

Suggestion:

Have Provost Knutson-Miller come to Executive Committee next week and give an update.

- We discussed last fall with Exec about having students fill out the SOQ's online in the classroom. In my department, it was presented as the administration had decided we are going to do online SOQ's, but I was like departments make their own decisions, but there was no clarification.

A: The policy has not changed. It is up to the department and not the Dean.

- My understanding is my department is under a gag order regarding not being able to talk to our adjunct faculty about what's going on with EO1100 and its possible impact. We were told don't say anything to anybody because we don't know who we are going to lay-off. So basically the adjunct faculty are walking around with no clue what is going on. I think people are not sure as to what is ok for them to say or not say to adjunct faculty about what is going on.

A: From what I understand and from an HR perspective, you cannot talk about specific hiring or firing of an individual, but the number of sections is public.

- I heard that due to the new admission software people are having problems. Some applicants who thought they had completed their applications, but they didn't, and they were not getting notices.

A: It is a system-wide problem. Admissions had to input things manually, so they had a lot of temporary help, and they are catching up. It will be delayed about a month or two, but we are no more delayed than what we usually would have been.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (Dabirian) Change your password.
- (Stambough) AA/AS Retreat is this Friday

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1 EC Minutes (Draft) 1-30-18
M/S/P (Brunelle/Oliver) Minutes were passed unanimously.
- 4.2 EC Minutes (Draft) 2-6-18
M/S/P (Brunelle/Oliver) Minutes were passed unanimously.
- 4.3 EC Minutes (Draft) 2-13-18 - *forthcoming*
- 4.4 EC Minutes (Draft) 2-20-18 - *forthcoming*

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

- I have been working on setting up the AA/AS Retreat and streamlined the AACU survey we will be using on Shared Governance.
- The Strategic Plan is moving along. We need to tell people to come to the March 22nd AS meeting to provide feedback on the Strategic Plan.

VI. PROVOST REPORT

No report.

VII. STAFF REPORT

- Yesterday was the deadline for the nominations for the Outstanding Professor Award. We received two nominations. However, one of them will not be accepted because it came in at 6:42 pm which was after the 5:00 pm deadline. The deadline to submit the actual file in Monday, March 5th.
- We have received 100 rsvp's for the AA/AS Retreat.

VIII. COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

- 8.1 ASI Board [Stambough], T, 2-20-18, 1:15 - 3:45 PM, TSU Legislative Chambers
No report submitted.
- 8.2 Diversity & Inclusion Committee [Gradilla], T, 2-20-18, 1:00 - 2:00 PM, PLS-260C
No report submitted.

- 8.3 Assessment & Educational Effectiveness Committee [Bruschke], W, 2-21-18, 1:00 - 2:15 PM, MH-141
IRAS and assessment office has merged; there's a new website that contains all data. Editorial comment: This probably makes sense, but I'm either unaware of or forgetting any consultation on this fairly substantial change. Otherwise, discussed possible changes designed to clarify the process. The general feeling is that it's working pretty well, but very little of the process is codified.
- 8.4 Planning, Resource & Budget Committee [Stambough], W, 2-23-18, 1:00 - 2:30 PM, CP-1060
No report submitted.

(Dabirian) The lawyers at the Chancellor's office agree with Monique Shay about the Open Access Policy. When a faculty member goes through the process, they sign their rights away, and that violates the copyright law. From a legal perspective, we cannot let them give their rights up, even to someone on campus, unless there is consent from the faculty member. The second perspective is the faculty member uses University resources, so the faculty member cannot sign their rights away without getting the University to agree on it. This process gets very complicated, so to protect the faculty and University, it probably is not a good idea.

Suggestion:

Have Monique Shay meet with the Library Committee regarding the legal ramification.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 9.1 General Committee Senate Nominees

Suggestions:

FPC:

HHD: Leah Brew, James Rodriguez (if they both decline, contact Kristi Kanel for suggestions)

COMM: Gary Ruud

PLC:

Dipankar Purkayastha

FRC:

HUM: Kevin Lambert

- 9.2 Statements of Opinions

Suggestion:

(Bonney) Temporary faculty should be included in the Academic Senate electorate (UPS 100.000 Article Section 2) as members of the constituency in which they teach and a vote proportionate to their time base in the department in which they have the most significant appointment.

- 9.3 GE Task Force Committee (MCBE)

Suggestion:

Teeanna Rizkallah

- 9.4 Revisions to UPS 210.000 - Faculty Personnel Policy and Procedures

(Stambough) The meeting among representatives from the Administration, CFA, and invited senators was that there was an almost unanimous agreement of what is required, according to the language, is that if there are faculty eligible to serve within the department, then you must select those people first before you go outside the department. There is a little bit of a question if people are allowed to say no, we are still looking into that.

Suggestion:

(Myck-Wayne) We need to clarify the question of how someone gets on the ballot. Because you just find out that you were on someone's ballot and you have to serve. There needs to be protocol.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- 10.1 Assigned Time for Exceptional Service Committee

We need name from the following constituencies: (NSM); (MCBE); (COMM); (HSS); and (L/A/C/E)

Suggestions:

HSS: Jessica Stern

L/A/C/E: Megan Wagner

MCBE: Sandy Bond

10.2 Revisions to UPS 330.232 - Policy on the Use of Alcoholic Beverages By Students and By Student Organizations

This will be moved to the AS agenda for Senate approval.

10.3 Revisions to UPS 411.100 - Curriculum Guidelines and Procedures Courses

This will be moved to the AS agenda for Senate approval.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/P (Dabirian/Bonney) Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.