Senate Executive Committee
Wednesday, October 1st, 2014
3:00 – 5:00 pm
Ford Alumni Center Room 403

Present: John Bonine, Mandy Chong, Jennifer Freyd, Beatriz Gutierrez, Bill Harbaugh, Theodora Ko Thompson, Robert Kyr, Richard Margerum, Lisa Mick Shimizu, Teri Rowe, Paul Simonds, Mike Strain, Randy Sullivan, Debbie Thurman,

Absent: Miriam Deutsch, Margie Paris, Rudy Zaronsinski

Minutes

Senate President Kyr called the SEC to order at 3:05 pm.

Senate President Kyr welcomed everyone and introduced the materials for the year (please see the Senate Executive Committee website for PDF materials).

Senate President Kyr mentioned the Senate Task Force to Address Sexual Violence and Survivor Support, which he indicated is crucial and important. He acknowledged members of the Task Force. He stated that the interim recommendations were accepted by Interim President Coltrane, who also seems very receptive to the final recommendations.

Senate President Kyr explained the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) resource packet (please see the Senate Executive Committee website for PDF materials).

Senate President Kyr indicated that Chuck Triplett will be working with the Senate regarding coordinating the upcoming policies which will be coming though the Senate.

Senate President Kyr indicated that this is our first year operating an open committee meeting structure.

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) members introduced themselves.

Senate President Kyr stated that on October 22nd, the Task Force will present its final recommendations for 30 minutes, followed by 1.5 hours for discussion of the academic plan and university priorities with Interim President Coltrane.

Senate President Kyr stated that the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate (IFS) has its first meeting of the year this weekend. He is currently serving as the Vice President of the IFS. He indicated that they would like to consider the possibility of opening up service on the IFS to statutory faculty, rather than restricting it to Senators. This will be discussed more.
Senate President Kyr stated that he is on the advisory committee of the Presidential search.

Senate President Kyr introduced the PAC-12 Academic Leadership Coalition, which is a new organization focused on academic collaboration among the PAC-12 schools.

Senate President Kyr stated that the President’s Office is supporting the Senate Executive Coordinator with the addition of a part-time classified staff person, to be hired as soon as possible.

**MOTION:** The SEC discussed appointments to the Faculty Personnel Committee and the Undergraduate Council. The members voted unanimously to approve.

Senate President Kyr discussed the election of the UO’s COIA representative. Nathan Tublitz has served in this capacity for some time, is currently the Vice President of COIA, and has applied to continue serving. He is also the only currently interested candidate after an outreach communication to campus.

**MOTION:** The SEC voted unanimously to approve Nathan Tublitz as the University of Oregon COIA representative.

Senate President Kyr then asked if the Senate Executive Committee would like this to be a two-year or a three-year position. The Senate Executive Committee considered this.

**MOTION:** The SEC voted unanimously to approve Nathan Tublitz for a three-year term as the UO’s COIA representative.

The SEC then discussed the October 8th, 2014 Senate meeting agenda. Senate President Kyr indicated that President Coltrane plans to attend Senate meetings regularly and provide opportunities for questions after giving an update to the Senate.

John Bonine brought up the possibility of allowing the Task Force to Address Sexual Violence and Survivor Support to provide their report earlier in the Senate agenda. The SEC agreed this should be placed in New Business after award recipient announcements.

Chuck Triplett (visitor) introduced himself to the SEC. He is working to manage the transition of OUS policies into the UO policy structure. He indicated that there is a sense of urgency with the Board of Trustees to move our policies over to the official university structure. They would like to prioritize policies with the SEC and the Senate and find hot-button issues or where there is a lack of clarity. Senate President Kyr indicated that it is the role of the Senate Executive Committee to evaluate which policies are of sufficient academic import to bring to the University Senate. Bill Harbaugh suggested that any administrative groups meeting about these
issues post their agendas if possible. Triplett agreed to bring this up. He recommended quickly bringing all policies on board and then working on some clean up issues.

John Bonine asked for Triplett’s help in making sure relevant governance documents are posted on the Board of Trustees website. Triplett indicated he would check on this.

The SEC discussed the Student Conduct Code (SCC) change motion proposed by John Bonine and Caroline Forell. Bonine indicated that he might make some changes from the current version of their SCC proposed changes, and welcomed feedback and a consultative process.

The SEC further discussed the order of the agenda, and agreed that the order presented by Senate President Kyr was appropriate, adding motions that will not be brought before the Senate due to time concerns as active notices of motion instead.

The SEC discussed avenues for Interim President Coltrane to collaborate and communicate with the SEC, University Senate, and Senators. Senate President Kyr indicated that he would ask Interim President Coltrane about a smaller meeting with him.

Senate President Kyr adjourned the SEC at 5:00 pm.