Executive Committee
End-of-Year Report
2016-2017

The executive committee focused their efforts on the following items:

1) Forum on Shared Governance
   a) Reports available on the senate website
2) Meetings with President Burrage
3) Reduction in Force Policy
4) Requests and Resolutions
   a) All motions/resolutions available on the senate website
5) Faculty Senate Survey
6) Chair-elect

1) There were 4 Shared Governance Forums.
   a) Monday, October 3, 2016 – "A Committee Structure that Works for Us"
      i) Topic chosen by Faculty Senate
   b) Tuesday, November 15, 2016 – "Building Relationships, Enrollment, and Recruitment"
      i) Topic chosen by Administration
   c) Monday, March 6, 2017 – "SE Mission Statement (HLC2018 Assurance Report); Graduate Programs Update; Technologies Update
      i) Topic chosen by Administration
   d) Tuesday, April 11, 2017 – "What is the Budget Process and How Can We make It Better?"
      i) Topic chosen by Faculty Senate
2) Meetings with President Burrage were conducted 4 times throughout the year.
   a) Wednesday, September 21, 2016
      i) Current Budget Outlook
         (1) Strategies for further reduction
      ii) Reduction in Force Policy
         (1) Faculty Senate Survey 2016 – RIF survey included
      iii) Forum on Shared Governance
         (1) October 3rd – Committee Structure
   b) Monday, October 31, 2016
      i) Forum #2 (Tuesday, November 15th @ 2:00 PM) – Administration Topic
         (1) Announcement email should go out on November 1st.
      ii) Concerns regarding the degree of responsiveness and excessive time delays in dealing with several current administrative offices; i.e. Academic Affairs, Business Affairs (Business Office, etc.), Recruiting and Admissions.
      iii) Revitalization of Faculty Policy and Reduction in Force Policy.
   c) Monday, February 13, 2017
      i) Reduction in Force questions concerning APPM 4.6.8:
         (1) What is the definition of a Financial Retrenchment?

(2) Are there identifiable benchmarks that constitute the need for financial retrenchment?
(3) Were last year's non-reappointments a result of financial retrenchment?
(4) In the case of a genuine financial retrenchment, will there be a formal declaration?

ii) Budget update
iii) Presidential Advisory Committees Update/Status

d) Wednesday, April 19, 2017
i) Budget Update
(1) Post-forum discussion
(2) State appropriations – further cuts
ii) Building Relationships, Enrollment, Recruiting
(1) Customer Relationship Manager software update
(2) Academic Partners update – Education
iii) 2017-2018 issues to address.

3) Reduction in Force Policy
a) Executive committee worked through a reduction in force policy based on the financial crisis that occurred in 2015-2016.
b) Meetings were held on November 9 & January 24 with a final motion for recommended changes to APPM 4.6.8 – Dismissal of Tenured Faculty for Financial Retrenchment of Program Discontinuance (February 22, 2017).
4) The senate reviewed and passed 13 resolutions/motions.
a) Number was up from 8 that were reviewed and passed during the 2015-2016 year.
b) All resolutions are listed on the senate website.
5) Faculty Senate Survey 2017 was reviewed with a few revisions. Survey was made available to all faculty on Thursday, April 20, 2017.
a) Survey will remain open until Friday, May 12, 2017.
6) Dr. Brad Ludrick was nominated, and accepted, the position of Faculty Senate Chair-Elect for 2017-2019. Dr. Ludrick will assume the Faculty Senate Chair responsibilities in August 2019.

Additional items:

1) Senate Chair Emge will be meeting with current Chair-elect Althoff during the summer to pass on the Faculty Senate Chair responsibilities binder created by Senator Chris Moretti.
2) Chair-elect Althoff will assume the responsibilities of Senate Chair on August 1, 2017.
3) Senate-Sponsored Lunches were continued during finals week in December 16 and is scheduled for May 17 finals, as well. Faculty Lounge was moved from the Science Building to the 2nd Floor of the John Massey School of Business.
4) Administrative Council – Senate Chair attended all meetings throughout the year.