

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday July 1, 2014 12:00-1:20
Mathematics Conference Room

Members Present:

Daniel Althoff, Dennis Brewster, Steven Emge, William Fridley, Chris Moretti, Hal Poovey

Members Absent:

Diane Dixon

Item 1: Adjustment and rebalancing of Senate Terms

At the April 9th meeting of the Senate the Executive committee was authorized to do a one-time balancing of the Senate terms to reconcile the smaller number of Senators from each school with the need to elect roughly one-third of them each semester. After looking at the attendance data for the 13-14 Senate and discussing two proposals provided by Chris Moretti, the following modifications were approved by a vote of 6-0:

The following terms were shortened to end August 2014, effectively rotating them off the Senate:

Rhonda Richards (A&S, original term ending 8/2015)

Tristan Eggener (A&S, original term ending 8/2016)

Jerry Stout (EBS, original term ending 8/2015)

Jennifer Hicks (EBS, original term ending 8/2016)

No modifications were made to sitting senators from The John Massey School of Business as the loss of 1 seat due to the reduction in Senate size could be absorbed by their seats already coming open in 8/2014. The modifications above will result in the following election cycle:

Senate Election Cycle, 8/2014-8/2016

School	August 2014 (term ends 2017)	August 2015 (term ends 2018)	August 2016 (term ends 2019)
A&S	3	2	3
EBS	2	1	2
JMSB	1	1	1
Library	0	1	0

The Senate Chair will e-mail the affected Senators before August 1 to let them know of the term changes and to remind them they can run for the open seats in August if they wish.

Item 2: Faculty Senate Survey

The 2014 Senate survey closed on May 9th and the raw data and comments were forwarded to the Executive Committee on May 14th. Chris Moretti sent an initial draft version of the report (including the data and some analysis) to the Committee on June 10th, and a second version which included the responses to the question on Presidential qualities as well as an executive summary of various issues was sent on June 26th.

After some brief discussion the committee approved the information and analysis in the draft by a vote of 6-0, with the understanding that some additional formatting changes needed to be made prior to publication (such as the addition of a table of contents for reference).

Chris Moretti will fork the report into two versions - the full version with the comments included and a shorter version without comments and open-ended responses (the full report runs 93 pages and it was felt not all of the faculty would want a document of that size). Printed copies of the full version will be sent to President Sean Burrage, Vice President Doug McMillan, and Dean of Instruction Lucretia Scoufos as a courtesy prior to broadcasting the report to the general faculty.

Item 3: Preparations for a future meeting with the new President

In preparation for an eventual meeting with President Burrage Chris Moretti introduced two short documents to help bring the President up to speed with recent and ongoing work.

The first document, "Faculty Senate Interactions with the President", summarizes the regular interactions the Senate has with the President (Shared Governance Forums, Meetings with the Executive Committee, etc.). This document was approved 6-0 with the understanding that the various citations to the Academic Policies and Procedures Manual be added to reinforce the notion that many of these interactions are part of current policy and not just a common understanding.

The second document, "Recent Successes, Ongoing Work, and Future Issues", summarizes recent accomplishments (such as increased travel funding and the tenure and promotion revamp), current work (like post-tenure review and faculty salaries), and issues that need to be worked on (such as travel reimbursement and adjunct issues). Several items will be added at the request of various committee members:

Successes: Shared Governance Policy, the "Policy on how policies are made/changed"

Future Issues: Family Medical Leave Act, Annual Performance Reviews (policy and practice), University Marketing, the Academic Vision of the University, and Cross-Disciplinary Programs (including General Studies)

Chris Moretti will make the revisions/additions to both documents for committee approval before requesting the meeting with President Burrage.

The meeting ended at approximately 1:20.