

2019-2020 Executive Council Minutes
Wednesday, January 8, 2020
ASH 196

Present: Cast-Brede, Davidson, Hale, Helm, Ostler, Qureshi, Schoenbeck, Surface, Woody

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Senator Surface.

II. The minutes of December 4, 2019 were approved as submitted.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report: Senator Hale

No report.

B. Secretary/Treasurer Report: Senator Davidson

Attendees: Ostler, Davidson, Hale, Kamm, Pettid, Smith-Howell, Roman, Surface, Kopp, Gold

- Faculty are encouraged to provide feedback for Big Idea proposals using the Big Ideas portal before January 1.
- SVC Kopp met with Deans about implementation of Distinguished Professor & Senior Lecturer and a formal announcement will be made in January.
- Enrollment for the spring is staying steady from the fall semester. There are higher reenrollment numbers and there are key courses that have helped to increase number of credit hours per student.
- SVC Kopp will be looking into a more standard process for units to create Annual Reports
- SVC Kopp is looking into possible tools for evaluating teaching effectiveness.
- Acknowledgement of resolutions.

C. Treasurer's Report: Senator Davidson reported on the December 2019 budget report.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Committee on Academic and Curricular Affairs: Senator Woody

No meeting, no report.

Further Discussion: Senator Hale asked Senator Woody if a policy exists pertaining to adding information in syllabi. Senator Woody stated additional information can be added to syllabi, however, there are minimum requirements that need to be in syllabi. Senator Woody stated he was going to further look into the policy.

B. Committee on Educational Resources & Services: Senator Schoenbeck

No meeting, no report.

C. Committee on Faculty Personnel & Welfare: Senator Helm

No meeting, no report.

D. Committee on Goals and Directions: Senator Ostler

No meeting, no report.

E. Professional Development: Senator Cast-Brede

No meeting, no report.

Further Discussion – Committee received the insurance company consultant report. A meeting with the UNO representative will be happening soon.

F. Committee on Committees: Senator Qureshi

No meeting, no report.

Further Discussion – Committee application is coming along. Committee bins have been named. Testing of the application is expected to happen in February.

V. Other Faculty Senate Committees

A. Faculty Senate Budget Advisory Committee Report: Ebdon, Eesley, and Hall – no report.

B. Ad hoc UNO-UNMC Faculty-to-Faculty Communication and Collaboration Committee: Senator Kelly – no report.

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C. Ad hoc Committee on Faculty Advancement: Senator Ostler – no report.

Further Discussion – Senator Ostler mentioned work on this committee will pickup in the coming months.

VII. Non-Senate Committee Report(s) – no report(s).

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Wellness Committee

1. Senator Surface proposed for the Wellness Committee to fall under Faculty Senate Committees, “yellow sheet committees.”

Senator Surface will discuss at the next Executive Council meeting.

VIII. For the Good of the Order

IX. New Business

A. 2020-2021 Faculty Senate Membership

Vote to remaining having 37 senators serve on the Faculty Senate. No opposing. Motion passes.

X. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. with announcements.