



**2015-2016 Faculty Senate
Executive Committee**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting of August 10, 2015**

2:00 – 4:00 pm, 161 Sacramento Hall

Approved: September 1, 2015

Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Roll Call:

Roll was taken.

Lorelei Bayne, Sylvester Bowie, De-Laine Cyrenne, Jeff Dym (absent), Sue Escobar, Ben Fell (absent), Kathy Garcia, Julian Heather, John Ingram (absent), Reza Peigahi, Kath Pinch (absent), Adam Rechs, Fraka Harmsen, Sue Holl, ASI Representative (vacant)

Guests:

President's Office: President Nelsen; Lisa Cardoza, Chief of Staff

Academic Affairs: Jim Prince, Vice Provost; Sheree Meyer, Dean Undergraduate Studies; Don Taylor, Interim AVP, Academic Programs and Global Engagement

Agenda: The agenda was approved as published.

Minutes - July 22, 2015: The minutes were approved as published.

President Nelsen: The President discussed more transparency regarding the budget, the planning for a new Science building, plans to increase faculty hires, establishment of a Diversity Taskforce, and a new Executive Director of University Initiatives and Student Success who will report to the President's Office. Overall the President's focus was on recruitment, student retention, and time to graduation.

During Q&A questions ranged from the UBAC structure and how to get input from faculty and staff regarding the budget; expectations regarding scholarly activities for RTP purposes; plans for the proposed Program Arts Center; and how faculty will be able to contribute to the President's effort around the graduation outcome and reducing the time to degree.

The President's responds included:

- *Early distribution of the budget and a larger effort later in the year with more planning, consultation and information.*
- *Work with high schools, P-16 Councils, community colleges, the Pathway Project. Providing incentive for faculty to be involved, monies for technology (for degree planning, data collection, and analytics).*

From the Chair:

- **Introductions:** Members and guests were introduced to the President.
- **Administrative Appointment Policy:** The President stated that he will be amending the policy regarding faculty representation on search committees and the appointment process. The amended policy will be forwarded for Senate review.
- **Statement on Shared Governance and Consultation:** The Statement on Shared Governance will be placed on the August 26 Senate agenda at First Reading. Upon Senate approval, a public signing will be scheduled for a future meeting of the Faculty Senate.
- **UEI Board of Directors – Faculty Representative:** Professor Yan (Joni) Zhou’s nomination will be placed on the August 26 Senate agenda on Consent Action.
- **Impaction Report:** Professor Ted Lascher will be asked to present the report at the August 26 Senate Retreat. A Workgroup (*Bayne, Ingram, and Peigahi*) will prepare information for the Impaction Discussion during the Retreat.

From the Provost:

- **WSCUC Report:** In November, a conference call will be scheduled with the President and the Campus Team regarding the report that will be submitted in September 2016.

Senate Committee Meeting, Scheduling Policy: Due to the change of meeting space in Sacramento Hall, Senate committees will be meeting in the University Union. The policy was developed to address the Union’s cancellation policy and fee assessment for non-canceled rooms. The item will be placed on the August 26 Senate agenda at First Reading.

2015-16 Faculty Senate Standing Rules: The document was reviewed and updated by Krabacher (Parliamentarian) and Garcia (Senate Analyst). Exec reviewed the proposed changes and the item will be placed on the August 26 Senate agenda at First Reading.

Senate Retreat Agenda: The final draft of the agenda was reviewed and approved.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.