



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 27, 2014
Agenda

12:30 in CSS 167
Lunch will be served

- I CALL TO ORDER**
- II APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2/13/14**
- III NEW BUSINESS**
Elections
- IV REPORTS**
- V ADJOURNMENT**



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Minutes

Approved

PRESENT

Carol Lauer; Thomas Ouellette; Hoyt Edge; Yusheng Yao; Julian Chambliss; Carol Bresnahan; Robert Salmeron; Bob Smither,

CALL TO ORDER

12:32 p.m. by Carol Lauer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2/13/14

EC unanimously approved the minutes with the addition of these sentences on page 2:

Claire Strom resisted the notion of connecting the opening up of Honors classes with the possibility of increasing the ranks of the Honors program. "That was not the committee's [Academic Affairs Committee's] understanding," Strom said, when the proposal was discussed and approved by the AAC. After a brief discussion, Lauer withdrew her request.

Lauer began the meeting with New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTIONS

Carol Lauer noted that A&S elections will take place March 20, 2014. These committee positions must be filled: 3 SLC; 2 AAC; 3 at-large PSC; and 2 F&S at-large. Nominations should be sent to Thomas Ouellette, who will collect names and send them to Lauer so she can notify the faculty in advance on the March 20 A&S faculty meeting, per the Bylaws.

Lauer said that she had been contacted by Bill Boles, who has served for 2 years as the A&S representative on the CPS AAC, and needs to be replaced.

Lauer has reached out to Sharon Carnahan and Bob Sherry for information regarding the number of open positions on the FEC but has received no response.

In order to facilitate a timely update of the College website, Lauer asked the Chairs of the standing committees to send (via Administrative Assistant Helen Byrd: hbyrd@rollins.edu) the names and (especially) the terms for all current committee members

REPORTS

A&S PRESIDENT (Carol Lauer)

Lauer reported on “two pertinent meetings” since the last Executive Committee meeting. At the first, Bob Smither and others met with Deb Wellman regarding misunderstandings between A&S and CPS that grew out of the recent A&S/F&S-hosted colloquium on strategies to deal with the College’s projected budget shortfall. Lauer reported that “nothing significant” surfaced at the meeting. Wellman explained that two new faculty lines were possible for Holt, one in Business and one in Health Administration. The latter line is pending receipt of a grant and is potentially tenure-track, pending the continued growth of the Health program. Wellman also explained that Holt was looking for an administrator in Health-related fields to support growth of Health Administration in CPS. This position is a staff (support) position and is currently funded for one year.

Lauer also reported on her recent visit to a SGA meeting that featured a “fantastic” student Q&A; she was joined by Yusheng Yao, Chair of SLC. Lauer described student questions as “insightful” and said the depth of their inquiries makes clear student concern that “decisions about the budget [will have] a negative impact on them.” Lauer has recommended that students, like faculty, compose a list of values and priorities; SLC has agreed to help with this project. Carol Bresnahan endorsed this idea.

F&S (Hoyt Edge)

Edge announced that the “SGA produced ideas for revenue generation and budget cutting” which Edge called “interesting and very helpful” and in line “with what the faculty talked about.”

Edge reported that he had recently responded online to a *Sandspur* article on the College’s projected budget shortfall in an effort to “set the record right,” specifically surrounding misleading, unattributed, or incorrect statements—some of which “appear to” paint the faculty in a negative self-involved manner.

Edge consulted with junior members of the A&S faculty to gather their thoughts regarding the budget; they reported they would “be uncomfortable” engaging in such a discussion that was “relegated [solely] to newer faculty members.” Edge invited the members of the Executive Committee and especially the Dean of Faculty and Provost to the upcoming F&S meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 12:30 p.m.

PSC (Julian Chambliss)

Chambliss reported progress in the PSC’s efforts to refine and clarify “rules for writing out a clearer grant.”

Chambliss said that the PSC had completed gathering information regarding different constituencies’ reaction to the current Course Instructor Evaluation (CIE) forms. He said

that, generally, faculty “like the present” system, as opposed to the students, “who don’t like it.” Chambliss said that the PSC was investigating a new evaluation system called Ideas, suggested by Clay Singleton and used by the Crummer School.

Chambliss added that there was a “huge discussion” about tenure and promotion which centered on President Duncan’s phrase “institutional needs.” Chambliss reported that while there was “some recognition of the need for institution,” most A&S faculty members felt that sufficient “mechanisms were already in place” to address institutional needs at the beginning of the existing process—when new faculty line are initially approved—and that this was preferable to vetting institutional need at the end of the process—when faculty become eligible for tenure and promotion.

Edge called the President’s point “legitimate” and [the EC] need[s] to discuss” the issue of institutional need surrounding the hiring of new faculty.

SGA (Robert Salmeron)

Salmeron thanked Yusheng Yao (from SLC) and Lauer (A&S president) for attending the most recent SGA meeting. Salmeron reported that the SGA is investigating the implementation of a policy whereby future SGA Presidents would be charged with delivering an annual “State of the Union” speech to address the needs and to set the agenda for the organization.

Salmeron announced that the SGA voted to approve the purchase of “Honor cords” for SGA leadership to wear at for commencement. Calling her “technically our SGA advisor now,” Salmeron said that the SGA will begin meeting with with Dean of Student Affairs Karen Hater on a bi-weekly basis. Salmeron said that the SGA was Pat Schonk regarding updates to the Dave’s Down Under space.

Salmeron announced upcoming scheduled SGA meetings with Vice President for Business and Finance and Treasure Jeff Eisenbarth (on March 11) and President Lewis Duncan, regarding “the rising cost of higher education” (on March 26). Salmeron announced that twelve student organizations were slated to take part on the SGA-sponsored lip-sync contest on April 2.

SLC (Yusheng Yao)

Yao announced that the SLC had met with Mamta Accapadi, the new Vice President for Student Affairs. Yao described Accapadi’s commitment to making the reorganization of Student Affairs a “transparent process” and Yao said that Accapadi outlined three tenets that will drive the reorganization: “student care and well-being, career pathways, and student ethos.”

Yao announced that the SLC had met with Leon Hayner of Residential life regarding two current pilot programs that Yao characterized as “very successful:” a gender neutral

housing pilot and a service housing pilot. The former involved thirty-two students and the latter defined service “loosely as six to ten service hours.”

Yao also reported that SLC met with Rachel Simmons, reporting on her observation regarding and recommendations stemming from her residency in Ward Hall. Simmons said that, going forward, RCCs should have a thematic approach like next year’s Living Learning RCC in Ward theme of “Looking to the Future.”

Regarding on-going discussion and concern about implementation of the College’s current non-smoking policy, Yao reported that Maria Martinez “is now in the process of making a card” that will be handed out by members of the community when confronted by community members who are observe policy violations. The card will read, “Thank You for Smoking in the Designated Areas” and will include a campus map identifying these on-campus areas. Yao said that Campus Safety will “come out” if a person becomes “obnoxious” when handed a card.

Yao closed by reporting that SLC was finalizing an update to the SHIP grant policy and would bring the revision to a subsequent EC meeting

AAC (Claire Strom)

Strom did not attend.