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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 8, 2015
Agenda

12:30 in CSS 167
Lunch will be served

- I. Call to order**
Emily Russell

- II. Approval of Minutes from 10-1-15**
Emily Russell

- III. New Business**
 - a. Agenda items for A&S faculty meeting on October 29th
 - b. Provost Search Committee (composition, timeline, etc.)
 - c. Representative to Alumni and Development Committee of the Board of Trustees

- IV. Committee Reports**
 - a. Any committee business that requires deliberation by EC
 - b. AAC
 - c. PSC
 - d. SLC
 - e. SGA (time permitting)
 - f. F&S (time permitting)

- V. Adjournment**



ROLLINS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 8, 2015
Minutes

PRESENT

Emily Russell, Craig McAllaster, Grant Cornwell, Jennifer Cavanaugh, CJ Dunn, Laurel Habgood (F&S), Anca Voicu, Hannah Ewing (SLC). Excused: Dexter Boniface, Ashley Kistler, Derrick Paladino.

CALL TO ORDER

Emily Russell called the meeting to order at 12:34 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 10/1/15

EC unanimously approved the minutes from the 10/1/15 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Provost Search Committee

Emily Russell

EC will develop a slate of faculty to represent A&S on the Provost Search Committee. The slate will be presented to the A&S faculty for an electronic vote.

Representative to Alumni and Development Committee of the Board of Trustees (BOT)

Emily Russell

Since there is not a PSC equivalent committee on the BOT, Smaw will represent A&S on the Board's Alumni and Development Committee during the October meeting. Chairs of other A&S governance committees will attend meetings of the equivalent BOT subcommittee.

Agenda for A&S Faculty Meeting on October 29th

Emily Russell

Mamta Accapadi will give her annual report to the faculty. Boniface and Russell will meet with her beforehand to highlight issues the faculty would like included in the report. Habgood suggested including impressions and initiatives from Grace Moskola, the new Director of Disability Services.

Smaw recommended including an update on the lacrosse team. He also suggested asking Accapadi about the Black Lives Matter issue. Rollins has been silent on the issue where other schools have not. Perhaps we could direct programming towards the initiative and help students understand what is happening and why it's happening now. EC discussed the lack of on-campus programming to address other diversity issues such as Planned Parenthood,

guns/concealed-carry on campuses, etc. Dunn said many students don't feel safe voicing their opinions on campus because of the fall back from websites such as Yik Yak. Cornwell said this news is disconcerting because it's suppressing free speech. He asked about the role SGA could have in addressing this phenomenon. Dunn said SGA is attempting to identify what they can do. Habgood asked if SGA could help gather details such as, are there incidences or areas on campus where students feel safe for free speech? Russell said results from the student campus climate survey indicate that students perceive faculty well equipped to handle the conversations but that they don't happen as often as they should. McAllaster said he has received complaints from students that feel they cannot express their opinions in the classroom because they fear being punished if their opinion differs from their professor, but notes this represents a minority of faculty. Russell said according to the 2014 Campus Climate Survey that 79% of students report that harassment comes from student-to-student incivility, 87% believe their professors are skilled facilitators on issues of diversity, and 37% say their major includes material by under-represented groups only occasionally.

Cornwell will give a brief update from the President's Office. He wants to introduce a new practice of hosting an open forum for faculty and staff after each BOT meeting.

Time permitting, we may include a brief discussion on the 128 hour issue, how rFLA is working, and the work of the Executive Council Plus.

REPORTS

AAC

Anca Voicu

Voicu reported that AAC approved changes to the Political Science major and minor.

D'Amato asked whether or not students should be permitted to formally declare a major before beginning courses at Rollins. There are split opinions on AAC and they have tabled the question until the next meeting.

PSC

Eric Smaw

PSC discussed the issue of faculty representation on the Faculty Advisory Committee to International Programs (FACIP) and questioned why the Director of International Programs did not follow the election rules/criteria for FACIP set by PSC last year. Russell said there was a staffing problem and no one volunteered to fill the empty seats and that (per previous EC and PSC discussions), EC maintains the expediency of approving an exception to the staffing rule. McAllaster stated, because the International Programs Committee is primarily an academic program he plans to bring them back under the Provost's Office.

F&S

Laurel Habgood

F&S is working on tracking the faculty salary study issue, they will invite Ken Miller to discuss parking issues, and one committee member is concerned about our sabbatical policies and believes they may be unfair. That member will gather information to bring back to F&S.

SGA

CJ Dunn

The divestment issue was tabled a second time for lack of information. SGA is looking into conducting a debate surrounding the issue of divestment of fossil fuels.

ADJOURNMENT

Emily Russell

Russell adjourned the meeting at 1:47 PM.

ATTACHMENT 1