



**Faculty Senate
Minutes of the Executive Committee**

Presiding: Jeffrey G. Marchetta

Date: September 15, 2020

Secretary: R. Jeffrey Thieme (Secretary)

Members Present: Jeffrey G. Marchetta (President), Jill A. Dapremont (President-Elect), Thomas E. Banning (Past-President), R. Jeffrey Thieme (Secretary), Mark Sunderman (Parliamentarian), W. Pat Travis (At-Large), and Leigh Falls Holman (At-Large)

Members Absent: None

Guests: Gloria Carr (Ombudsperson)

The meeting was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 via the Zoom video conferencing platform due to restrictions imposed in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

09.15.20.01 Call to Order

President Jeff Marchetta called the virtual meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) to order with a quorum at 2:40 pm.

09.15.20.02 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

09.15.20.03 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 18, 2020 Faculty Senate (FS) Executive Committee meeting were approved as written.

09.15.20.04 President's Report

President's Council

President Marchetta reported that administration is considering a substantial overhaul of masters student funding, but he doesn't have anything new to add. President-elect Jill Dapremont asked if they are looking at all underperforming programs or specific programs. President Marchetta didn't know anything new but added that eventually, we'll ask the Research Policies Committee to become involved.

Faculty Trustee Term Limits

President Marchetta reported that during the President's Council meeting, University President M. David Rudd asked the FS to encourage term limits on faculty trustees. All other trustees are term limited. The EC agreed not to send this to committee. The EC agreed to post this issue on the FS discussion board for discussion. President-elect Dapremont agreed to draft a message and distribute to the EC before posting on the FS discussion board.

\$10 Million for Fall ancillary losses

President Marchetta reported that university administration is expecting fall ancillary losses of \$10 million. Their plan is to address the shortfall with taxes on carryforward funds. Each unit will incur an additional 10% additional tax on carryforward funds. Any other losses will have to come from operational funding. President-elect Dapremont asked about what happens with programs with no carryforward funds. President Marchetta responded that those programs could see other cuts.

09.15.20.05 Old Business

There was no old business.

09.15.20.06 New Business

President Marchetta pointed the EC to the motions, committee reports, and charges in the packet sent to the EC via email. He described them briefly and asked for comments/questions.

(M2020.21.7) Motion to Appoint Faculty Representatives to University Committees – Committee on Committees

There were no comments/questions and the EC agreed to add the motion to the FS agenda.

(M2020.21.8) Motion to Recommend Approval of Policy Changes to RE7006 Proposed by the Division of Research and Innovation - from Research Policies Committee

There were no comments/questions and the EC agreed to add the motion to the FS agenda.

(M2020.21.9) Motion to Recommend Amendment of Faculty Handbook Section 3.5.5 "Clinical Faculty"- from Faculty Policies Committees

There were no comments/questions and the EC agreed to add the motion to the FS agenda.

(M2020.21.10) Motion to Recommend Amendment of Faculty Handbook Section 4.3.4. "Department Committee" - from Faculty Policies Committees

There were no comments/questions and the EC agreed to add the motion to the FS agenda.

(M2020.21.11) Motion to Recommend Amendment of Faculty Handbook Sections 3.6.2, 3.6.3, & 3.6.4 “Minimum Requirements for Appointments, Tenure, and Promotion” - from Faculty Policies Committees

President-elect Dapremont asked if the removal of the word “only” mean that they don’t want them to do research. President Marchetta responded, No. It just clarifies that it wasn’t limited to service and teaching. The EC agreed to add the motion to the FS agenda.

(M2020.21.12) Motion to Recommend Amendment of Faculty Handbook Section 4.9 “Fast-track for Tenure” - from Faculty Policies Committees

There were no comments/questions and the EC agreed to add the motion to the FS agenda.

Motion on Senate President Term - Golias

President Marchetta noted that this motion requires a constitutional change and vote of the entire faculty. It would require a 2/3 vote to amend the constitution. President Marchetta agreed to research the question of when this would start if it did pass. The EC agreed to put the motion on the agenda, but not second it as an EC. Also, the EC agreed that President Marchetta will discuss the motion with Senator Michail Golias to urge him to withdraw the motion at this time.

Motion to provide additional course release for Senate President – Golias

President Marchetta noted that this motion requires a constitutional change and vote of the entire faculty. The EC agreed to put the motion on the agenda, but not second it as an EC. Also, the EC agreed that President Marchetta will discuss the motion with Senator Golias to urge him to withdraw the motion at this time.

Motion on Discussion Boards - Wierdl

President Marchetta suggested that since Senator Máté Wierdl didn’t make the 10-day window required for motions to be added to the FS agenda for the next meeting. The EC agreed to suggest to Senator Wierdl that he post his motion on the FS discussion board for discussion so it can be put on the FS agenda in October.

Faculty Budget and Finance Standing Committee Report – Sustainable Edu

There were no comments/questions and the EC agreed to add the motion to the FS agenda.

Faculty Policies Standing Committee Report – Code of Conduct

The EC agreed to put the report forward for a vote to accept on the FS agenda and post it on discussion board for feedback. It will be up to the committee to decide whether or not to bring a motion forward from the report to the FS in a future meeting.

Charge on Conflicting language on Graduate Grade Appeals Committee between UCGS and Faculty Handbook - EC

The EC agreed to send this motion to the Research Policies Committee.

Charge on voluntary return to campus in Spring – Lau

The EC agreed that President Marchetta will encourage Senator Holly Lau to create a motion for the next (October) FS meeting.

Tufts Report -EC

The EC agreed to submit the report to the Tennessee University Faculty Senates (TUFS).

Corianna Close – Request to change committee assignments

The EC agreed to reassign Senator Corianna Close to the Budget and Finance Committee from the Academic Support Committee.

09.15.20.07 Discussion Items

Standing Committee Reports

President Marchetta reported that he asked committee chairs for progress reports if committees don't have a formal report. The EC agreed to ask for written progress reports beginning in the October FS meeting.

A 'Call the Question' Symbol

President Marchetta suggested using the clock symbol in the Zoom video conferencing platform to indicate a call the question motion during virtual meetings. The EC agreed that President Marchetta will make an announcement in his report to the FS and no new symbol will be used.

Ombudsperson Report – Carr

President Marchetta yielded the floor to Ombudsperson Gloria Carr who didn't have a report but mentioned that she has been working with Senator Eugene Buder and the Faculty Policies Committee on a faculty code of conduct.

Review Senate Meeting Agenda

President Marchetta reviewed the agenda for the September FS meeting. He asked the EC if Karen Weddle-West (Vice President of Student Academic Success) could be added to the agenda for 10 minutes to discuss her diversity committee. The EC agreed to the addition.

09.15.20.08 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.