

Senate Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 28, 2016
3:00 – 5:00 pm
EMU-Rogue Room

Attendance can be found at the bottom of the page.

Call to Order: 3:05 pm

Announcements: None.

Minutes: Minutes from the May 4, June 15, and August 24 Senate Executive Committee meetings were approved as posted online.

Reports:

- **Senate Handbook** - Senate President Bill Harbaugh reported that senators will be able to view a draft version of the handbook before the October 5 Senate meeting. The handbook is intended to provide a concise overview of Senate procedures and shared governance authority. Suggestions for additions to the handbook included recent legislation that describes the powers of the faculty, an annotated version of the Senate Bylaws, the Senate's open meetings policy, the document describing the ASUO's right to representation in the University Senate, and a disclaimer noting that the handbook is not in itself a legal document.

- **Committee on Committees** – Senate Vice President Chris Sinclair reported that the COC had held its first meeting, arranged portfolios of committees for each member to connect with, and had begun the process of communicating with each Senate committee. He also announced that the COC would be sponsoring a bylaws change to allow OAs and classified staff to serve on the committee, since many of the committee appointments the COC makes involve OAs and classified staff and their co-workers would likely know better who would make good appointees. It would also lighten the workload of COC members.

- **Senate Budget Committee** – Harbaugh noted that the Senate Budget Committee (SBC) had only met a couple of times last year and said he expects it to be much more effective this year. It will hold its first meeting on September 30. Harbaugh mentioned two major issues that the SBC will be involved with this academic year – revision of the university's budget model and tuition-setting. He expects to appoint two Senate representatives to the administration group that is overhauling the budget model and at least one to the Tuition and Fees Advisory Board (TFAB) that will make a recommendation to UO President Schill about FY18 tuition rates. Harbaugh said he anticipates appointing SBC members to these positions.

New Business:

- Policies Appearing on the Policy Advisory Council's (PAC) Agenda: Harbaugh apologized for the late notice, reviewed the Senate's role in the policy review process, and asked for the advice of SEC members on whether the Senate needs to review any of these policies that will be on the PAC agenda next week. Harbaugh said the full list of these policies will be placed before the Senate next week along with the SEC's recommendations. Immediate Past President Randy Sullivan represents the Senate on the PAC.

Travel policy (New, Replaces OUS Fiscal Policy 95.100): SEC decided this policy is non-academic and the Senate doesn't need to review it, even though it does impact faculty.

Safety – Physical Space and Environment (Revision and Merger of UO Policies 08.00.02 and 08.00.07): SEC decided this is non-academic and the Senate doesn't need to review it, but there were concerns about the definition of supervisors (Does it include students who act as supervisors?) and the inclusion of PIs, since their responsibilities are addressed on the VPRI website.

Key/Access Control (Revision of Policy Derived from OAR 571.50.0035): SEC decided this is non-academic and the Senate doesn't need to review it, though there were concerns raised about maintaining lists of people with access rights to certain spaces.

FCC Licenses Operated Within OUS Universities (Former OUS Policy 24): SEC decided this is non-academic and the Senate doesn't need to review it.

Minority Student Enrollment Initiative (OSBHE OUS Policy 36): SEC had no objection to repealing of this policy from the 1980's that is now illegal, but it asserts that the general areas of admissions, enrollment, and financial aid are academic matters.

Confidentiality and Inadmissibility of Mediation Communications (Repeal of Policy Derived from OAR 580.01.0030): SEC decided this is academic, but it wants time to investigate further, so it is asking the PAC to postpone discussion of this policy to the PAC's next meeting. Sullivan said he would ask the PAC to run this issue by anyone the Senate wants contacted.

The SEC then discussed the "academic matters as commonly understood" standard and how to apply it in reviewing future policies. Former Senate President Rob Kyr reminded SEC members that the Senate requested two years ago that the university administration develop a tracking system that would show every policy inherited from OUS and its status in the review process. So far, he said, this has not occurred, so the Senate has no way of knowing what progress has been made and what work is left to do. Kyr said such a system should also accommodate any new proposed policies, so that all campus constituencies can know where any policy is in the review or development process. Sullivan offered to follow up on this concern with Amanda Hatch

who is staffing the PAC.

Review of Agenda Items for the October 5 Senate Meeting:

Harbaugh reviewed the draft agenda for the October 5 Senate meeting and explained how he hopes to continue the practice of discussing motions at one Senate meeting and then voting on them at the next. Greg Bryant requested time on the October 19 Senate agenda for a response to the scheduled presentation by Interim CIO Chris Krabel and Dean of Libraries Adriene Lim about consolidation of IT services. The SEC decided to schedule equal time for presentations by its administration guests and the group Bryant represents and then provide additional time for discussion.

Discussion and Questions: None

Adjourn: 5:00 pm

Senate Executive Committee Members 2016-2017			Meeting: 6/15/16		
Name	Unit	Present	Absent	Excused	
Bill Harbaugh	Senate President	X			
Chris Sinclair	Senate Vice President	X			
Randy Sullivan	Immediate Past President	X			
Frances White	Academic Council Chair	X			
Laura Leete	Faculty Senator - PPPM	X			
Lowell Bowditch	Faculty Senator – Classics	X			
John Bonine	Faculty Senator - Law	X			
Jennifer Freyd	Faculty Senator - Psychology	X			
Rob Kyr	Faculty Appointee – SOMD	X			
Jennifer Ellis	NTTF Appointee - LCB	X			
Teri Rowe	OA Appointee - Economics	X			
Stephanie McGee	OA Senator – Hum. Resources	X			
Jimmy Murray	Classified Senator – Library	X			
Greg Bryant	Officer of Research Senator	X			
TBD (Nick Gioia)	Student Senator	X			
Quinn Haaga (Andy Dunn)	ASUO President/Designee	X			
Betina Lynn	Senate Executive Coordinator	X			
Paul Simonds	Parliamentarian	X			

Guests: Kurt Willcox