

The Executive Council of the Faculty Senate
December 11, 2008 – 2:00-4:15 pm
Newcomb Hall, Board Room

Meeting Minutes

Present: Edmund Kitch, Ann Hamric, David Kovacs, Daniel Willingham, Elizabeth Powell, Teresa Culver, Gweneth West, John Brown, Robert Kemp, Kevin Lee, Arthur Garson, Justin Thompson

Edmund Kitch, Chair of the Faculty Senate, called the meeting to order.

Report of Arthur Garson, Executive Vice President and Provost

- The Faculty Senate's Non-Tenure Track Task Force recently met. The group discussed issues such as a timely review process, a timely discussion of that review, and helpful input. There should not be a disconnect between a written review, no review, and fact. The Task Force is working on a report to address such issues.
- Search Updates: The Batten School Dean should be announced in the second or third week of January. The Dean of Admissions could be announced as early as February. The Art Museum will make an offer within the month. And finally, the School of Architecture search is on track.

Report of Edmund Kitch, Chair of the Faculty Senate

- Mr. Kitch, Susan Carkeek, Arthur Garson, and Anda Webb will meet and discuss the issues involved with staff other than academic faculty.
- He will also meet with Sharon Hostler to discuss the University's practice of conducting background checks for staff and not faculty.
- A question was raised at the last Faculty Senate meeting regarding the selection process for the Jefferson Graduate Fellowships program. Mr. Kitch asked Robert Kemp to look into the issue. Professor Kemp met with Aaron Mills, Associate dean for Graduate Programs, regarding the process. After meeting with Professor Mills, Professor Kemp said he feels that the selection process is a fair one.
- Professor Kemp and the Council members also discussed the National Research Council and its expected report on graduate programs.

Report of Elizabeth Powell, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee

Elizabeth Powell discussed the ongoing work of the Planning and Development Committee. She said the Committee has five agenda items and three priorities. The priorities are Big Ideas, International Programs, and Science Programs.

The Faculty Senate and the members of the Commission on the Future of the University will co-sponsor an event on January 26. It will be an information/update session titled "The Commission One Year Later." The event will feature reports on initiatives that were taken to the Board of Visitors. The expected attendees and presenters at the event are Arthur Garson, Milton Adams, Gowher Rizvi, Thomas Skalak, Patricia Lampkin, Susan Carkeek, James Hilton, Robert Pianta, and Sharon Hostler.

It was suggested that a fact sheet, detailing each of the initiatives, be distributed at the event. It was also suggested that questions should be solicited in advance of the January 26th event. The Council members also discussed possible invitees to the event. Everyone was in agreement that the deans, or a representative, be invited. Carol Wood, from the Office of University Relations, should also be invited. Ms. Powell asked Executive Council members to identify appropriate persons from their schools/departments that should be invited to the event.

The members of the Executive Council began planning for Faculty Senate meetings for the spring.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

Submitted by P. David Kovacs, Secretary of the Faculty Senate