Executive Committee Meeting

July, 13, 2020

9:30 – Zoom

Notes

1. Exec discussed and worked on the modified Pass/Fail (3.1.9) option adding that student can opt to use the modified pass/fail option. Students are in favor of this.

2. Administrative Senators – Rules committee made change in language. Difference of 1 or 2 positions. Discussion: list president and provost and 7 other senators – drops it down to 9??? Rules wanted President and Provost to be members. Rules is happy with faculty status line. Provost was okay with that. Do we need to expand the blue cards? Speaking rights, but not voting rights.

Librarian VP instead of the two libraries was discussed. Uncomfortable raising to 13 for the VP and eliminating the two librarians. Let’s go back to original librarian thing. The librarians did get discussed in Rules. Any dean who makes hiring and P & T decisions should be in the senate. Why? What does being a senator have to do with making P & T decisions. Honors and Grad College will not make a hiring/firing decision. Why are the President and Provost and Deans in the Senate? My question is: why are we specifically saying Deans must be in? Department Chairs? They don’t make final decisions on hiring/firing. Why are deans special and not dept. chairs? We have to set limits somewhere. Require President and Provost and allow the provost the flexibility to select the others? Why are we insisting we list the deans and not allow the President/Provost select the 9 holding faculty appointments. Do not wants Provost/President selecting senators. Provost could decide to have the entire provost suite and only select a few deans – Rules voted against that. A voting block in the provost office would really change things. Deans don’t usually do that. Honors and Grad College don’t
have faculty with primary appointments. They will have to re-think what honors and the graduate college do. If Lerner decides to call themselves a School this would still work. Their deans are of their colleges, not of their schools. We now have the word school – it becomes meaningless. A dean can’t report to another dean. Rules has to present it and give the rational. Do we want Registrar present for pass/fail? It would be good to have Registrar in the meeting to help with questions. Resolution needs to be tweaked the second whereas.

This concludes discussion of the special meeting of the Faculty Senate to be held Monday, July 20, 2020