

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 22, 2021

### Minutes

PRESENT: Charlie Boncelet, Brian Hanson, John Jebb, Chris Williams, Matthew Robinson, Amy Hagstrom, Karren Helsel-Spry, Karen Holden

- I. Charlie Boncelet asked Chris Williams as CCE chair if there are concerns about any agenda items. John Jebb noted we need to move the disestablishment of a program to the regular agenda – Master's in Agriculture. Disestablishment of concentrations can be on the consent agenda.
- II. Charlie Boncelet confirmed the group approved of the resolution currently on the agenda.
- III. John Jebb noted the need for a place to hold senate legislation that doesn't go in the handbook. This would go in the catalog/with the registrar.
- IV. Brian Hanson has a report from rules regarding a constitutional question. This arose from the proposed resolution to change the voting for general faculty meetings to be the same as the voting for the faculty senate meeting. We'd like to be able to allow a vote within a reasonable time and to put in the constitution that general faculty meetings will never necessarily need to be in person again. If we get a quorum we may be able to make online voting the norm. Brian shared the document with changes. What needs to be done is to develop a way that faculty can vote electronically and ensure we have a number in the 300s so we have a quorum. Could potentially be changed in April of this year. Brian Hanson asked for feedback from the group. Charlie suggested a change from "members" to "senators". Charlie Boncelet – Need to change the constitution so we can change it in the future and take care of other items. Brian Hanson noted the suggestion that even when we are in person there needs to be a mechanism for online voting. There was discussion about options for this. Amy Hagstrom discussed the benefits of using the current clickers. Brian Hanson noted that he can audit the results but it isn't real time. The group agreed that they should try to get this constitutional amendment done. Matthew Robinson brought up the issue of expanding the senate and keeping meetings online. This was discussed. Agreement was to focus on the ability to change the constitution going forward. Brian Hanson will send the document for review by the committee members. This would be brought to the April general faculty meeting. The vote should take place during the meeting, not before or after.
- V. Charlie Boncelet asked to discuss the meeting last week with the CT Caucus. There were a few things they asked to have explored. Asked the group if they thought an adhoc committee should be formed. Brian Hanson suggested that this be brought up to the union again. Amy Hagstrom noted that when this was done initially there was not a significant response. Matthew Robinson agreed that this would be a union matter. The group was in agreement.
- VI. Ombudsperson issue – Do we need another resolution? Amy Hagstrom – No, we voted and it was overwhelmingly supported. There was discussion on how to implement this. Suggestion that the question be raised to President Assanis during the meeting.
- VII. Charlie Boncelet – Thinking of introducing a resolution that there be an amendment that the president has a reduced workload not just the prior and current year they serve but also the following year. Could support that some committee chairs get a workload reduction as well. Will work on this for next month. Will discuss further at a future Exec. Meeting.