

**FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

26 February 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS: Robert Sprague, *Chair*; Ray Fertig, *Chair Elect*; Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, *Secretary*, Vladimir Alvarado, Gregg Cawley, Rob Godby, and Tiger Robison, *Members-at-Large*. Past-Chair Laegreid was excused from the meeting.

Guests: Mandy Jane Gifford, *Chief of Staff to the Provost*.

Chair Robert Sprague called the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSE) meeting to order at 12:22 pm.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the agenda; motion made and seconded.

Member-at-Large Robison moved to amend the agenda to remove item three; seconded and carried.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the amended agenda; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of February 19; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair reported that he had met with Casey Frome, Chair of the Faculty Academic Standards, Rights & Responsibilities Committee (FASRR), to discuss the President's Freedom of Expression Implementation working group and had discussed two options going forward. The Chair noted that he had spoken with Dr. Martha McCaughey and she had expressed frustration with the process. The Chair reported that either the FASRR Committee would evaluate possible academic-related changes to operationalize Freedom of Expression Principles, and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee or a single member of the Committee will join the President's Working Group to monitor efforts and report to the Executive Committee when necessary. The Committee discussed suggest the second option be pursued.

The Chair reported that the several members of the Board of Trustees had expressed interest in attending classes as part of Take a Trustee to Class. The Committee discussed.

The Chair reported that he had received the PhD in Public Humanities proposal, and that it had been sent for consideration by the Graduate Council.

The Chair reported that he had received the B.A. in European Languages, Literature and Film Studies proposal, and that it had been sent for consideration by the Academic Planning Committee (APC).

The Chair reported that General Counsel Tara Evans and Director of International Students and Scholars Jill Johnson would be present at the next meeting of the Executive Committee to discuss the new Immigration SAP. The Chair reported that the SAP addressed issues, such as who would be sponsored for permanent residency, and that research scientists, 1-yr contract and fixed-term contract faculty were generally not sponsored, with some exceptions for exceptional personnel. The Chair noted that as part of the new SAP, Departments would have to pay filing costs of approximately \$4,000 rather than the University paying the fees. The Committee discussed.

The Chair reported that General Counsel Tara Evans would also discuss proposed revisions to the Travel Policy SAP and the next Executive Committee meeting, and that he had not yet received a draft of the SAP. The Chair noted that he had been informed that employees whose work location is not Laramie had been charging the University to travel back to Laramie, and that going forward, if they are not required by their position to be located away from Laramie, they would not be reimbursed. The Committee discussed.

The Chair reported that the new policy would require people to use p-cards rather than personal credit cards for travel, with a \$5,000 limit. The Chair noted that using a personal vehicle when a fleet vehicle was available would mean that the person would be reimbursed at a lower rate, namely at a rate of half the federal rate, and that departments would have to pay the cost of damages intentionally or recklessly caused to fleet vehicles. The Committee discussed.

The Chair reported that the next meeting of the Faculty Senate would include Discussion and Vote on the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy SAP. The Chair noted that the meeting would include Introduction, Discussion and Vote on two Resolutions in support of low-completion program discontinuances. The Chair noted that three Resolutions would be Introduced at the next Faculty Senate meeting in support of proposed undergraduate leadership certificates, and that while APC had a few questions regarding certificate programs in general and these particular proposed certificate programs, it did not see any major issues with the proposals. The Committee discussed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:54 pm.