

Executive Council Meeting

October 16, 2006

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

In attendance: Greg Benner, Donald Chinn, Mike Kalton, Janice Laakso, Kent Nelson, Julie Nicoletta, Marcy Stein, and Cathy Tashiro, and Alan Wood
Faculty Assembly Assistant: Jamie Kelley

Absent: Zoe Barsness, Steve DeTray, Yonn Dierwechter, Ruth Rea, Pat Spakes

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm.

Minutes from 10-5 meeting to be edited prior to approval.

Announcements:

 Marcy is attempting to schedule meetings with all the individual programs.

 Promotion and Tenure Committee still needs a Chair. Questions were raised about most effective way to recruit. The P & T committee needed to help re-write the handbook. Marcy will check with Greg Rose about past amendments to the handbook. It was felt that the P & T goals from the retreat could be incorporated into the handbook re-write.

 What is the best way to put shared governance into action?

Campus Committees:

 A list of all the Campus Committees was handed out at the beginning of the meeting. A discussion ensued as to which of these committees still in existence, and which ones have been eliminated, are consolidated, etc. Who handles which issues? Who is currently in each committee? The Executive Council has some questions about the standing committee on Budget and Planning. It seems very ambiguous as to who and what this committee is working for, and would be a good idea to answer these questions, ASAP.

 There has been speculation as to whether or not the RAPP Committee will be reinstated.

 It appears to be very ambiguous as to who the Standing Committee on Budget and Planning is working for exactly. It is felt that some clarification is needed in regards to what the committee is working on this year.

 Mike Kalton had copies of the Student Conduct Code, which was rewritten during the summer 2006 quarter. He wondered how RAPP would interface with the Faculty

Committees on Academic Policies, and it was suggested that one member of the Academic Policy Committee attend each RAPP meeting.

Discussion with Chairs of Faculty Assembly Committees:

It is very important that the Chairs of various committees need to be in the meetings.

Questions were raised about the effectiveness of Faculty assembly meetings without a quorum. Do we need to increase the number of F.A. meetings in order to get work done?

Changes in the bylaws about budget issues, and work being done were also mentioned.

It was felt that some attempt should be made at having the Faculty “take back the night,” so to speak.

Committees/Procedures/Quorum:

Kent expressed a concern that committee members were being stretched to thin. He thinks that having the Chairs at meetings is a good idea, but that having a committee representative would work just as well.

It is felt that a strong voice is needed in order to function as a strong unit. How do we, as a unit, do our work more effectively?

An announcement was made that a Director of Safety is still needed.

Kent mentioned the importance of having an E.C. member relay relevant information to the members of their committees to be discussed.

Kent excused himself from the meeting at 1:30.

Cathy suggested that we invite Chairs to the E.C. meetings to improve communication.

Mike stressed the importance of not making rapid changes to the existing bylaws, because he feels that F.A. will be met with resistance.

Julie thinks it would be a good idea to make changes at the end of the year.

Marcy wondered how we could make the F.A. meetings more interesting.

It was decided that the E.C.’s highest priorities for the 06/07 year are:

1. Working out the budget process with informed input.
2. Explaining exactly what we are doing at F.A. meetings.
3. Determining the relationship between Faculty Assembly and Strategic Planning Committee.

4. Clarifying the UW code change (per Gayle) about the differences between a College and a Campus.

Mike Kalton excused himself from the meeting at 1:45.

It was suggested that the Faculty Assembly needs to look at the future of UWT holistically, rather than simply by program. Unfortunately, we currently have no mechanism in place to do this. Because of this, we have no identity captured this way. It is important to do this in stages, while looking at the whole, not merely pieces.

Donald excused himself from the meeting at 2 pm.

It was felt that administering another Climate Report is imperative for the future of UWT. Does Jim administer this?

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.