

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Emporia State University
August 30, 2007
Cremer Hall 206, 3:30 pm

I. Call to Order Time: 3:35 p.m.

II. Announcement of Attendance

Members Present: Foyle, Webb, Miller, Roach, Coulson, Schwenn
Absent: Eberle

III. Approval – 23 August 2007

Moved by Webb, seconded by Roach. Approved

IV. Announcements

A. Vice President of Academic Affairs - Vice President Schwenn

A group has been formed to collect and attempt to deal with various Banner user concerns. The group, comprised of Academic Affairs, faculty, and TCS representatives met for the first time this week. Everyone is encouraged to continue reporting problems with Banner in hopes that problems can be resolved.

B. President of the Faculty - Harvey Foyle

President Foyle shared the body of a letter sent to Kent Weiser, Athletic Department Director:

"On behalf of the faculty, thank you and the Athletic Department for providing discount athletic tickets to the faculty. We recognize that this is a way for the Athletic Department to show appreciation to faculty for supporting ESU's athletes and its athletic program. I believe that due to this action the faculty will continue to support our athletes through increased attendance at athletic events. This benefit is another indication of ESU's positive campus environment. Again, thank you very much."

President Foyle announced that AAUP and Faculty Senate had hosted the 2nd Vice President Forum Wednesday, August 29, 2007 in the Flinthills Room. Rob Catlett chaired the meeting. Cynthia Akers and James Costello, candidates, spoke and presented their views.

Foyle addressed two issues brought up at the candidate forum—the availability of Zoomerang and the time allotted for the election. Zoomerang is available, and Zeni Colorado is doing Zoomerang for the Senate. Foyle presented the bylaws of the Senate related to the use of electronic balloting and the timetable for elections, concluding that we are fully within the bylaws with this procedure and dates. The election will be held electronically on Zoomerang from Noon, Thursday, August 30th through Noon, Tuesday, September 4th.. The results will be presented to COCG Chair Eberle and President Foyle for reporting at the Tuesday, September 4th Faculty Senate meeting.

V. Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs (Roach)

All members were in attendance at the meeting. Three members of the committee are continuing from last year. Lynne Chase and Leland Sudlow agreed to serve on the Curriculum Review Committee. Returning members of the Academic Affairs Committee provided its new members with some background information concerning last year's issues with Mobile Computing Devices and Clear Desk and Clear Screen. Discussions about the legal definition of "protected" information and supervisor responsibilities ensued. Leon Lewis and Tracy Greene will be invited to an Academic Affairs Committee meeting in the near future. The potential for a Social Security number policy was also discussed. Some members of the committee expressed concern about the wiping of Social Security numbers from documents. The next meeting will address an IP grade issue, specifically how long IP grades can be carried, and how a student with an IP grade who is not currently enrolled can gain access to Blackboard and other resources necessary to complete a project.

B. COCG (Eberle)

Eberle was absent, but had sent a report in advance. COCG met Tuesday for an introductory meeting. Responsibilities of COCG were discussed as well as the procedures for reviewing campus committees and notification procedures for administrative evaluations. Scheduling for reviews and the review document will be discussed next meeting.

C. Faculty Affairs (Coulson)

The committee discussed a number of issues which it was decided would be handed on to other committees.

Academic calendar: Is there a proviso for beginning the semester earlier than the official start date of the semester for cases when a class meets Monday evenings or would otherwise lose class days? Are there problems with different campuses such as KC having different holidays or building access dates than our calendar?

FA asks that COCG continue to look into the shared governance on campus technology. Which committees are responsible for what, and who has input?

FA asks AA to look into the length of the Add/Drop period and withdrawal policy, as well as the Dead Week policy.

FA will look into the issue of student employees having keys to offices and security risks this might create.

FA is working on an omnibus corrections bill for the FS constitution. Another election for the constitution will be needed to make some of the corrections. FA will draft this as a bill to bring forward to FSEC. Foyle encouraged the committee to check policy on whether this can be voted electronically by the faculty.

FA will be drafting a bill to bring ESU policy into parallel with the new Kansas concealed weapon law, ensuring that our campus weapons policy meets campus safety needs and Kansas law.

FA will send a recommendation regarding student evaluation of teaching. Based on the spring 2007 forums, FA is working on the recommendation to ensure that all colleges are following the Regents' policy.

VI. Old Business

FSCR 06003 Faculty Affairs Committee Year-End Report

This report was re-numbered by Foyle. The summary is last year's report, thus it will be archived there. The date of its acceptance is May 1, 2007 based on verbal presentation to the Senate. All documents related to the report will be archived with the report.

VII. New Business

VIII. For the Good of the Executive

Next Faculty Senate Meeting Tuesday, 3:30 - 5:00 pm on September 4, 2007.
Faculty Senate Executive Committee - Thursday 3:30 - 5:00 pm on September 6, 2007.
Standing Committees - Tuesday, 3:30 - 5:00 pm on September 11, 2007.

IX. Adjournment: 4:45 p.m.