

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Emporia State University
August 21, 2009
212 Visser Hall, 11:30 AM

I. Call to Order Time: 11:30 am

II. Announcement of Attendance

Members Present: Joella Mehrhof, Tes Mehring, Mike Morales, Ann O’Neill, Carol Russell, Kevin Rabas, Amy Sage Webb

Guest: Jim Williams, Associate Provost for Enrollment Management and VP for Strategic Partnerships

III. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of minutes from May 1, 2009
Webb moved; O’Neill second. Approved.
- Approval of minutes from August 14, 2009
Webb moved; Morales second. Approved.

IV. Announcements

- A. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs –Tes Mehring
- Nothing new to report
- B. President of the Faculty – Carol Russell
- Thanked the FESC for participation in the FSEC annual lunch meeting with President Lane. The discussion went well.
 - Requested each committee to prioritize “to do list”
 - Asked for any questions on the COFSP Highlights.
 - Mentioned the university food contract policy
 - Discussion of the Dependents Tuition Assistance proposal occurred. This could be a good faculty recruitment and retention tool. Confusion if the policy had changed. Need clarification from Ray Hauke.
 - Distributed the proposed guidelines for campus wide communication on Buzz-in. There has been some discussion about an opt in/opt out format with Buzz-in.
 - Discussed what the FESC’s role is for rumor control and keeping communication open. It was suggested an “accurate info seeking” section be added to each FESC agenda.

V. Committee Reports

- Committees have not yet met.
- Committee chairs please check to make sure all bills from last year’s Senate sessions have been incorporated into the University Policy Manual.

VI. Old Business

- Asked for any comments from the recent FSEC meeting with President Lane

VII. New Business

- Visit from Jim Williams, Associate Provost for Enrollment Management and VP for Strategic Partnerships regarding Faculty Initiated Withdrawal.
- Issues discussed were:
 - o Bulk withdrawals close to the final day to withdraw
 - o Students not logging into distance education classes
 - o Strengthening the disability services for those students who are potentially unable to complete the work.
 - o Syllabus policy may need to be reviewed and enforced
- 2nd VP Forum progress from VP Joella Mehrhof
- September 23 is the date set for the forum. It will be held in the Greek room.

VIII. For the Good of the Executive Committee

- Please bring back benevolent vandalism ideas next time
- Carol Russell recognized for her quality presentation at the opening General Session.

IX. Adjournment Time: 1:00 pm