

## **Executive Committee Meeting Monday, April 4 2005**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and began by reading the names of this year's Faculty Excellence Awards. She then presented a resolution in support of former Chancellor Byyny to be presented at the April 28 Regents' meeting. The committee moved to approve the resolution after some discussion.

Hohlfelder discussed how to change the campus culture to make participation in faculty governance more attractive to faculty and recommended one-time awards of \$10,000 with a re-evaluation and review after three years to see whether these measures have had a positive impact on participation in faculty governance. A discussion as to scope of the award followed. Bintliff said the departmental award for service was a way to elevate service and get it on the dean's and department chair's radar, making it clear it is something to be taken into account and rewarded as well as take out a chair or dean's discretion out of that transfer of monies and make a statement that if faculty governance is recognized as a real actual responsibility the BFA more people will be interested. A vote was taken and it there was unanimous support for the memorandum.

Diggle reported on the budget cut responses to the Question of the Month for which there were no faculty comments recorded, which was a disappointment.

Sture presented the revised Bylaws which have been substantially changed and he credited Chair Bintliff for her edits and suggestion that the BFA put things back into standing rules. A poll was taken and the Bylaws were unanimously approved to be forwarded to the full BFA.

Kaempfer discussed the Proposed Professor of Practice document which comes from the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs office. Bintliff said that Faculty Council had a negative response to this proposal and that EPUS was also unfavorably disposed to it. Kaempfer said he was taking the position against the proposal, believing it a way to take "potshots" at tenure, and was seeking the BFA's support.

Bintliff pointed out that the recommendation from the Faculty Affairs Committee on the disabilities issues coming from Faculty Council will go to the full BFA.

The new definition of an undergraduate credit hour was updated by the Academic Affairs Committee which asked the definition be treated as a statement rather than a policy directive from the faculty to the campus. After some discussion, it was decided to keep only the first three paragraphs and forward the definition to the full BFA.

The Chancellor arrived and non-voting members were asked to leave the meeting.