

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2006

Chair Hauser announced that the Regents failed to approve a salary range for faculty last week and Commencement is May 12. The Chancellor's Search Committee will have concluded its business by the end of the week, the Churchill report will be made public mid-May, and a revision of the early tenure policy was approved by the Council of Deans. The Program Review Panel has proposed a change to address the review process, with the idea that it link aggregating areas. There is a proposal to create a Provost Chair to be funded with temporary money. A practice bubble for intercollegiate athletics was approved, the Biotech building was approved and the program plan for first of 4-5 phases of the Norlin renovation have been postponed pending clarification on money sources.

Committee chairs are encouraged to meet once before August 28, 2006.

Hauser read the portion of the Bylaws which states that no more than two members of any department or division may serve at any one time as elected representatives to the Assembly. Bintliff clarified that this applies to BFA representatives only. CU 101 is going to be piloted in a couple of the RAP's and Hauser has concerns that the testing may be geared towards measuring attitude. A list of CU 101 committee members will be forwarded to the Executive Committee and the BFA, and Nauenberg urged members of the BFA to become involved to provide input. Bintliff suggested an update on CU 101 be provided at Thursday's BFA meeting.

Hauser spoke about ways to strengthen the presence of the BFA on campus. Currently the faculty are not involved in critical discussions and therefore react after the fact, consequences are felt, and the faculty are often relegated to giving advice. Levitt offered that the existence of faculty governance and the demands of faculty are not enough and that faculty need to publish motions, invite public comment from others, and hold administrators accountable. Bintliff offered that the real power of the faculty lies in the court of public opinion, and that the BFA does not have the power to make much happen but does have the power to demand a role in the discussion. Hauser added that work that BFA representatives do is sometimes invisible and ways to better publicize problems, actions, and accomplishments could be up for discussion. He offered to discuss issues and concerns with the faculty over the summer.

The motion by Levitt will have to be introduced anew by the Faculty Affairs Committee next year as a motion may not carry forward as a notice of motion since all unfinished business at the close of a session that ends the term of all or some of its members must be reintroduced at a future session to be considered.

All consent agenda items were approved: Shu-Ling Berggreen, Shelly Miller, Martha Hanna, and Hon-yim Ko were approved as new BFA members, and Lou Harvey was approved to replace Greg Carey next year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.