

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2005

The chancellor's search committee has convened and Hauser invited the faculty to submit names of individuals who could be considered as excellent candidates. The straw vote taken at the last BFA meeting November 3 made it clear to Hauser that the university should go forward with the presidential search. The chair is meeting with the provost and chancellor concerning merit and raises and how salary pools are managed.

Mitton discussed the Motion on Annual Increase for Library Materials and the concern raised by the PBA fiscal reports on the motion that if the proposed 8 percent increase is accepted it would mean a direct impact on the next raise and subsequent faculty lifetime earnings. Dubin asked for a decision to be made that he could take back to the library and the libraries committee. Bintliff said it appeared the committee was not ready to bring the motion forward and suggested that Hauser, Dubin and Mitton sit down to agree on the figures for presentation at the next executive committee. Kaempfer said the Budget and Planning Committee was in full sympathy with the need to increase the library's materials budget but a major concern was raised by the statement in the original motion which reads: "this is the highest priority of the faculty."

Widmann presented the committee business for Academic Affairs and Bintliff asked if a formal approval of the agenda for Academic Affairs was in order. Hauser said the Executive Committee is charged with reviewing and approving committee agendas according to the new BFA Bylaws and Levitt objected to this screening of committee agendas which prompted a lengthy discussion. Bintliff clarified that the Bylaws state the work of the standing committees is approved by the executive committee and recommendations and actions are not taken until they are approved. Hauser added that you cannot bring a motion on behalf of a committee acting as an individual and that it must be approved by the executive committee first.

Mitton said his Budget and Planning committee is arranging to receive a report on ICR and asked whether the committee should prepare a statement ready about tuition increases. It was agreed that a rough draft explaining what a 2 percent tuition increase would do from the faculty point of view in the form of "talking points" would be helpful.

The remaining committee reports would be taken up at the next Executive Committee meeting on November 28.