Meeting Minutes of the University Senate Executive Committee: 1-11-23

1. Officers’ Reports
   a. President Mullins – summarized officers last officers meeting with Provost Storer 1) essential education proposal is looming, 2) job security for instructional track faculty is an “A-list” item for the senate, 3) department chair review and selection proposal coming to the floor soon, 4) fall break
   b. Vice President Knudstrup – welcomed everyone back
   c. Secretary Hutchinson – no report

2. Committees
   a. Proposals for committee assignment - none
   b. Discussion Items
      i. Changes to Faculty Handbook travel procedures 4.4 – FIPC to review and report. Needs clarification.
      ii. Changes to Faculty Handbook Library 9.5.7 – all agree the changes are editorial and require no further clarification.
   c. Charges to committees
      i. Academic and Instructional Policy: Chair Jeremy Shannon reporting – fall recess proposal on the agenda for next senate meeting. Discussed Tuesday career day.
      ii. Administrative Policy: Chairs Jon Sticklen and Eric Seagren reporting – discussed spirit of chair search/review proposal(s). Agreed that proposal should be addressing minimum requirements, allowing for maximum departmental flexibility. Discussed conceptual opportunities/issues with rotating chairs.
      iii. Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding: Chair Lindsey Wells reporting – resolution supporting Iranian students.
      iv. Curricular Policy: Chair Paul Bergstrom reporting - essential education (implementation committee for Education in the 21st Century Tech Forward Initiative) ready to make a presentation to the senate and may switch with upcoming capital campaign presentation. Proposal should be ready for initial review by the 20th. Appears to reduce credits (16) and simplifies assessment of learning goals (4 learning goals, 12 performance criteria).
      v. Elections: Chair Anne Beffel reporting – bylaws being clarified for eligibility of senate officer elections.
      vi. Finance and Institutional Planning: Chair Carl Blair reporting – Co-chair Paul Weiss is stepping down and being transferred by the military. Focus on essential ed. proposal above will be budget neutrality.
      vii. Fringe Benefits: Chair Patrice Cobin reporting – working on grad student health and Husky Health Survey
      viii. Information Technology: Chair Scott Kuhl reporting – updated laptop standards should be finalized soon.
      ix. Professional Staff Policy: Chair Paige Short reporting – continue working on participation, compensation, and restructuring of staff units on senate.
      x. Research Policy: Chair Kelsey Kocher reporting -

3. Scheduled presentations to the Senate
   a. Bill Roberts – Capital Campaign. January 18th
   b. Mary Raber – 21st Century Ed. February 1st
   c. Ombuds – February 15th
   d. John Lehman – Enrollment. March 1st

4. Unfinished Business
   a. Proposal 8-23: Proposal to Change Eligibility for Emeritus Status
b. **Proposal 10-23**: Update 2023-2024 Academic Calendar and Provisional 2024-2025 Academic Calendar to Include October Recess
   c. **Proposal 11-23**: Assist Michigan Tech’s Iranian Community

5. **New Business**
   a. **Proposal 12-23**: Update Student Computing Device Requirements

6. **Adjournment**