

9/26/2023 (12:40 pm)

Executive Committee Minutes

Present: Phil Mazzocco, Scopas Poggo, Eric Anderman, Andrew Mueller, Terri Bucci, Ashley Smith, Jamison Kantor, Tena Katsaounis, Kendra Boggs

1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the 8/29/23 Executive Committee (EC) meeting was made by Jamison Kantor (second by Andrew Mueller). The motion carried unanimously with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 abstention.

2. Dean Search update

Terri Bucci provided an update on the ongoing Dean's Search. The call for the position is out, and applications will be taken until January 2024. Virtual meetings with semi-finalists will occur later in January and campus visits with finalists are planned for March 2024.

3. Staff Report

A Staff report was provided by Andrew Mueller and Kendra Boggs. The Buckeye Wellness Innovators are organizing a walking challenge for the Fall for YP4H (Your Plan 4 Health). It is also hoped to locally coordinate additional Columbus campus programs.

The Dean will be hosting a meet-up/Q&A townhall session with the Staff on 9/26/23. One general topic of concern for Staff involves additional hiring in needed domains. Another issue involves funding for Staff professional development activities.

4. Associated Faculty Report and any subsequent discussion

An Associated Faculty Report was provided by Tena Katsaounis and Ashley Smith. The first meeting of the term took place, but no pressing issues were recommended to be brought to the Executive Committee. However, one ongoing issue of concern is that three-year Associated Faculty contracts are not presently being offered by the University due to enrollment and budget concerns. There is a desire to reestablish this category of contract whenever feasible.

It was clarified that Associated Faculty are welcome at the November 2, 2023 Dean/Faculty Townhall meeting.

5. Faculty Report and any subsequent discussion (not to include APT procedure)

Terri Bucci provided a brief summary of the 9/12/23 Faculty Assembly meeting. Complete minutes of this meeting are available online: <https://mansfield.osu.edu/minutes>

6. Creating community across sectors of representatives on campus: Ideation

The Mansfield Staff Advisory Committee (MSAC) is coordinating various events throughout the year that are open to all employees. It was suggested to team up with non-staff members to assist in the coordination of these events. Terri Bucci agreed to present this idea to the faculty. It was noted that Dean's discretionary funds can be used, on a reasonable basis, to support some of these social events. Additional ideas were as follows:

- Creating an ad-hoc social/events committee
- Faculty/Staff brown-bags
- Buckeye-to-Buckeye gratitude communications

7. Tenure Track Members only: Recommendations to the Dean for fourth-year review subcommittee (P&T chair and committee members) for 2023/2024 academic year.

A fourth-year review committee was recommended to Dean Anderman for Kelly Whitney's fourth-year review.

With no further issues to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:25pm.

*Minutes taken and prepared by Phil Mazzocco, Faculty Secretary.