

3/7/2024 (12:40 pm)

Executive Committee Minutes

Present: Phil Mazzocco, Eric Anderman, Andrew Mueller, Terri Bucci, Ashley Smith, Jamison Kantor, Dawn Kitchen, Tena Katsaounis, Carol Landry, Kendra Boggs, Elizabeth Kolkovich

1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the 1/12/24 Executive Committee (EC) meeting was made by Ashley Smith (second by Carol Landry). The motion carried unanimously with 5 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions.

2. Dean Search update

Terri Bucci provided an update on the ongoing Dean search. The recruit said that they still did not have day/times for the interview of the three selected candidates. A faculty member asked that the days/times be selected and shared as soon as possible to allow faculty and staff to accommodate.

3. Staff Report

A Staff report was provided by Andrew Mueller. The Mansfield Staff Advisory Council (MSAC) hosted a townhall with Dean Anderman. Staff were interested in plans for future hiring, and also some inconsistencies in policies across various units (e.g., differences in comp time vs. flex time across units). There were also some questions about the End of the Year celebrations, and whether action was required on the part of the planning committee to get plans made. Associate Dean Kitchen stated that Carol Freytag and herself would be willing to handle many of the details, but would welcome assistance from the committee.

4. Associated Faculty Report

An Associated Faculty Report was provided by Ashley Smith and Tena Katsaounis. No new issues arose from the most recent Associated Faculty meeting; however, a new representative will be needed for the upcoming academic year, but there have been no volunteers at present. There was a zoom meeting for Associated Faculty organized by Associated Dean Kitchen where, among other topics, details regarding the GE Launch Course were shared.

5. Faculty Report

The Faculty Assembly is conducting a Teams-based discussion about future hiring strategy and decisions. More participation on this discussion thread is encouraged.

6. Review of upcoming (3/20/24) Faculty Assembly Agenda

*Will be common hour and in person with zoom option.

- Proposed Meeting Agenda:
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- Committee Reports
- Senator Reports
- Dean's Report
- Reflection on Teams Discussion Thread on Hiring
- Call for Nominations for Executive Committee positions

With no further issues to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

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