



**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**May 3, 2012**

**12:45 P.M. in SKH 369**

***Present : Timothy Newman, David Neff, Laurel Bollinger, Carolyn Sanders for Ramon Cerro, Deborah Heikes, Richard Miller, Brent Wren, Vistasp Karbhari, Robert Altenkirch, Paul Componation, Ina Warboys, Kristen Herrin***

- ❖ No quorum initially—initially met for reports, possibly a quorum would be achieved during them, otherwise no business transacted today (per Tim Newman).
- ❖ Called to order 12:55 , w/o quorum -- reached quorum at 1:00 p.m.
- ❖ President Altenkirch—Commencement Saturday at 10. No more than 2 hours, hopefully one and half hours.

Advancement—ad out, getting resumes—mid June meeting to shorten list and begin interviewing

Advancement—communication folks in advancement within structure and org chart shows who does what and who is responsible for what. Send note to all regarding the status of the search and the structure of Advancement. Will not see Ray Garner's name on the chart because formally he's not with UAH, thus not in charge of communications, although many recently know him that way. Technically he is a System employee—avoid the community picking on him. He is involved in governmental relations and public affairs. When the press calls or others look his name is in the President's Office not in Advancement. Joel Lonergan is in charge of communications. Will post this online.

Conversing with school district about purchase of University Place School property—meeting May 14 to discuss more, maybe purchase terms? Working with Education Department for a model school or lab school linked with University Place School. Also conversing with Trinity Church on purchase. Austin Drive—Nazarene Church nearby—over time purchase houses on street, have 11 out of 26. Idea that street forms boundary. Richard Miller stated we were told these houses are used by faculty and researchers—how do faculty and researchers know and who is in charge. President Altenkirch stated we will find out.

Budget—reduction in state money of about \$2.16M—about 5% of the state money, 5% of state base appropriation. Looking at how to balance things. Ray Pinner has worked up an outline of a balanced budget if there was about a 6% tuition increase. Fairly austere. Continue to work on over time. Greenway out on bid—when bid comes in if under cap can begin. Bidding with and without fountain. Fountain created a stir at the Board—magnet for mischief. Tim Newman asked if some other water sculpture would pass. The Board has not said we can't have the fountain but they thought it is not a good idea—we will bid both ways. Runs north and south and eventually east and west and something needs to be there where the two directional pathways will meet. When start construction cannot drive down the pathway. Nursing Building-- approval on expansion—process in motion—putting together talking piece for fund raising. Look at whether feasible to move Charger Hospital from Wilson Hall. Don't think we accommodate this in the drawings, that facility is now-about 15,000 square feet---would add a floor to the expansion, maybe add \$4M to what was going to be a \$13M expansion project—concerned went with \$13M to the Board and may not go well to go back with \$17M. The \$4M extra would require about \$250K a year additional repayments—see if we can raise that money privately. Question about using Wilson Hall space if Charger Hospital leaves – answer: could move people around for other renovations, for example there might be some in the future that involve Madison Hall.

- ❖ Provost Karbhari—nothing to add—thank you for finals and hope you get your grades in—hope to see you on Saturday. Richard Miller stated there is concern from some running for Faculty Senate President-Elect—they want a commitment from your office that the course release will happen for President and President Elect. Provost Karbhari responded there should not be a problem.
- ❖ Brent Wren—stated he attempted to send an email through the A-list—concerning traffic flow this weekend—it did not work. I will have Peggy send it this afternoon. No street closings affecting our ceremonies—streets around Church and Monroe are the ones closed.

Administrators then left the meeting.

- ❖ Tim Newman—memo from Dr. Karbhari about BETA policy—Provost sent a week ago during finals, only read last night—what I did—sent a memo to Dr. Karbhari and told him I would not provide names right now—Provost wanted 4 names from Senate to serve on a committee that would report to the BETA team on ideas for changing the BETA policy. On something like this would want to talk to the Executive Committee before responding. Also, memo identified a two step process—whereas Senate has called for forming a new committee that itself wrote a new policy. That's different than what Provost proposed in memo—memo said have a committee make a report to BETA and BETA then apparently have the possibility of writing a new policy that would go to EMOG. Doesn't seem to be what we called for. Expressed concerns here and elsewhere that the policy should be held in abeyance until the review is finished. Last point made this policy could be used for end run around academic freedom and could be a terminator

of faculty, as such should be in the *Handbook*. BETA policy should follow normal procedure for approving such items, which means Senate approval.

- ❖ Dr. Richard Miller made a statement off the record.
- ❖ Ina Warboys left the meeting as a result of a phone call, then returned.

President Altenkirch had asked for a list of items for possible redress—gave it to him—Parking Fees for part-timers (SR 09-10/01) , Realignment bills (08-09/9, 9a, 8) and Chair Eligibility (10-11/06), also Administration Response to Senate Action s(10-11/04), and Building Access (10-11/01) – just needed a report brought back on the last one..

Senate meeting one week from today combined meeting. Invite new members to attend. Caucus and elect Chairs for Committees. Have to have Committees—preference form used last time—some responded and some did not. Do you want to do that again? 3 day window—early next week put together and elect chairs. Two other options—have Governance and Operations meet and appoint—if they get quorum can assign to Committees. Delegate someone else to do it. Set subcommittee to get proposed Committees and present to Senate.

Get Committees –send email to list asking for Committee preferences. Send Committees from this year with new plugged in and respond by Tuesday and then ratify at meeting.

- ❖ Governance and Operations—will send out email for nomination of officers later today. Include new and old and send to Senate. Elections to tenured-tenure-earning, clinical and research.
- ❖ Undergraduate Curriculum: Kristen Herrin—will send end of year report—make **recommendation the Curriculum Committee meet face to face**. Don't think email is bad all the time but recommends this committee **meet face-to-face at least 3 times during the semester**.
- ❖ Faculty and Student Development. Written report from Ina Warboys.
- ❖ Finance and Resources Committee is done with speaker series and REUs, per David Neff.
- ❖ Senate Bill 367: Senate President Election—last time one faculty member had discussion about Senate Officer Eligibility, wanted a change to that. We didn't think we should write changes and suggested person write up the changes desired. That has happened - on April 20 it was received by President-Elect Richard Miller. This puts in writing what was talked about before—this is a change proposed to the Bylaws by that individual to allow any faculty to become a candidate for Senate office. Language had proposed change to become effective immediately. That can't be so—the Bylaws are part of the Handbook and have to be approved by the Board. Paul Componation proposed this to be stricken. Ask the person to revise or send it to a Senate Committee. Deborah Heikes proposed to send it to a Committee –Governance and Operations—David Neff seconded. Richard Miller—personal opinion this should go to the floor

as is. Paul Componation agrees. Richard Miller stated if it came to the floor and was amended would it be acceptable. Tim Newman stated it would be ruled out of order if not amended on the floor; Senate cannot pass by-laws language that becomes effective prior to Board approval. 1 in favor, 6 against. Motion fails. Paul Componation-moved to put it on the agenda for the Senate Meeting (i.e., we accept for first reading), Carolyn Sanders seconded—6 for 1 against; goes to Senate agenda for Second Reading.

- ❖ Agenda discussed
  
- ❖ Paul Componation moved, seconded by David Neff to adjourn—adjourned at 2:00 p.m.