Minutes of Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 12/15/16 Meeting
137 Bradford Hall

Those present: Peter Smith, Dantrea Hampton, Kim Sipes, Joe Moffett, Ken Andries, Ashok Kumar

The meeting was called to order at 10:10am.

President Sipes projected on the screen a draft resolution.

Parliamentarian Hampton asked the point of writing a resolution. President Sipes explained that in 2014 the Board of Regents had passed a resolution to make President Burse responsible for all policy creation. In doing so, it rescinded a 2003 Board action item that made clear the role of faculty and administration in creating and implementing day-to-day campus procedures. Parliamentarian Hampton felt the resolution was not clearly stating what was wanted.

Past President Smith shared some background on the 2003 action item. It came about because the university president at the time was not taking items to the Board for approval. The action item was worked on by faculty and administrators to make clear what needed to be taken before the Board and what did not.

President Sipes pointed out that one issue we have at the university is not clearly distinguishing between policy and procedure.

Chair Andries noted that some items from Curriculum Committee can be passed and implemented on the Senate level since the curriculum, as mandated by SACSCOC, is driven by the faculty.

Past President Smith mentioned that a good example of a recent procedural item passed in Senate and driven by faculty that didn't go all the way to the Board was the requirement for midterm grades for all students.

Chair Moffett noted that SACSCOC wants clearly defined policies and proof that the policies are followed. Standard 3.7.5 of *The Principles of Accreditation* says, "The institution publishes policies on the responsibility and authority of faculty in academic and governance matters. (Faculty role in governance)."

Discussion ensued about whether or not the 2014 Board resolution is still valid since it clearly names Raymond Burse. President Sipes indicated that VPAA Candice Jackson had confirmed with General Counsel that it is indeed still valid.

Parliamentarian Hampton suggested that the resolution include more examples of the problem as it stands. The group then worked on improving the organization and wording of the resolution.

Past President Smith implored President Sipes to seek President Thompson's endorsement of the finished resolution. Faculty Regent McFayden will also be solicited for support.

The committee voted unanimously to send the finished resolution to the Board of Regents for its January meeting.

A motion to adjourn carried at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Moffett, Faculty Senate Secretary