

The University Senate Executive Committee

TO: Officers, Standing Committee Chairs
FROM: Robert Hutchinson, Senate President
DATE: November 29, 2023
SUBJECT: Agenda for Senate Executive Committee 11/29/23

Agenda

1. Officers' Reports
 - a. President
 - Due to a concurrent meeting, Robert Hutchinson arrived 30 minutes late to the EC meeting.
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Secretary
- The VP, Paige Short, and the secretary, Radwin Askari, briefed the EC committee on their recent meetings with the provost.
2. Committees
 - There was an extended discussion about the recent issues involving the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) organization and a faculty member from the Department of Social Sciences. The discussion focused on freedom of speech and the responsibilities of faculty members concerning students' rights.
 - Several members expressed concerns about the extent of freedom of speech and the consequences that follow.
 - Some members believe that while faculty members are responsible for what they say, it seems that students might not be held to the same standard. Everyone should be accountable for their words, especially in terms of not offending others.
 - a. Proposals for committee assignment
 - b. Discussion Items
 - i. Proposal 35-23
 - Proposal 35-23 was discussed.
 - c. Charges to committees
 - i. Academic and Instructional Policy – Liaison Courtney Archambeau.
 - ii. Administrative Policy – Chairs Jon Sticklen and Eric Seagren.
 - iii. Committee for Promoting and Facilitating Equity and Understanding – Chairs Lanrong Bi and Sangyoon Han.
 - iv. Curricular Policy – Chair Paul Bergstrom.
 - v. Elections – Chair Laura Fiss.
 - Laura Fiss expressed that her committee is still looking for nominees for some of the committee.
 - vi. Finance and Institutional Planning – Chair Carl Blair.
 - vii. Fringe Benefits – Chair Patrice Cobin.
 - viii. Information Technology – Chair Paniz Hazaveh.
 - ix. Professional Staff Policy – Chair Christine Grotzke.
 - x. Research Policy – Chair Kelsey Kocher.
 - Laura Bulleit, Vice President for Student Affairs, attended the EC meeting after 4pm
 - Laura Bulleit addressed the EC's concerns about the YAF issues.
 - She explained that while some people may feel offended, YAF did not breach the university codes of conduct.
 3. Scheduled presentations to the Senate
 - a. Ombudsman 12/6
 - Robert Hutchinson informed the committee about the upcoming presentation from the Ombudsman office.
 4. Unfinished Business
 - a. none

5. New Business

- a. None

Laura Bulleit attended. The easy meeting at 4:00. To explain.

6. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned.