

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 1 October 2024

4:00 p.m. – Via Zoom

ACTION MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeremy Robinett, Chair; Jeff Hancks, Vice Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ben Brewer, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Christopher Pynes, Interim Associate Provost; Krista Bowers Sharpe, Parliamentarian; Annette Hamm, Faculty Senate Office Manager

GUEST: Sarah Lawson, Registrar

1. *General Education approval process*

Chair Robinett remarked he has had several exchanges about what the Council on General Education (CGE) will be approving in relation to the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). Chair Robinett reached out to Interim Associate Provost Pynes last week because of this confusion, and Dr. Pynes provided a clear message that matched what Chair Robinett understood. Chair Robinett said this explanation was communicated in response to the inquiry, but another question arose this week; in order to make sure everyone is communicating the same information, Chair Robinett followed up with Linda Prosis, Administrative Assistant to the Provost, who provided a more thorough response. He explained that as people try to change their courses to different General Education IAI categories, particularly in the case of courses that are in categories that have been eliminated, these will need to be approved by CGE.

Ms. Hamm asked if changing from one Gen Ed category to another would need to be approved by Faculty Senate after CGE approval or if it is something CGE could just report out to the Senate in their year-end annual report. Chair Robinett responded he thinks it needs to go through the normal Gen Ed approval process of being reported to Faculty Senate as part of that council's report at a regular Senate meeting.

2. *Zoom Protocols*

Chair Robinett reported that following the Zoom bombing episode at the last Faculty Senate meeting, he spoke to the university's legal counsel, Victoria Smith as well as to Jeremy Merritt, Stacey Hunt, and Ian Szechowycz from University Technology; he also notified and apologized to Interim Provost Mossman and Interim President Mindrup. He said the CIO Group has recommended that there be no publicly advertised

Lawson added that the Senate would probably still want to change the Zoom link every semester at least because there is the possibility of people sharing it. Chair Robinett remarked this was not suggested by the

Interim Associate Provost Pynes has asked Bob Emmert of University Technology how much it would