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Executive Committee  
Tuesday, January 16, 2018  
3:00 p.m. – Room 106 - Administration

Present: Tim Gallagher, Chair; Sue Doe, Vice Chair; Margarita Lenk, BOG Faculty Representative; Rita Knoll, Executive Assistant; Mary Stromberger, Immediate Past Chair; Stephan Kroll, Agriculture; Stephen Hayne, Business; Steven Reising, Engineering; Carole Makela, Health and Human Sciences; Monique Rocca, Natural Resources; George Barisas, Natural Sciences; Rick Miranda, Provost/Executive Vice President

Guests: Tony Frank, President; Cara Neth, Director of Presidential and Administrative Communications

Absent: Steven Shulman, Liberal Arts, on sabbatical, (excused); Anne Avery, CVMBS (excused); Nancy Hunter, Libraries (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Tim Gallagher, Chair

February 6, 2018 FACULTY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Proposed Faculty Council Agenda – February 6, 2018 – Clark A207 – 4:00 p.m.

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Faculty Council Meeting – March 6, 2018 – Clark A207 – 4:00 p.m.
2. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes located on FC website – November 28, 2017

(http://facultycouncil.colostate.edu/faculty-council-meeting-dates-agendas-minutes/)

B. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

1. Faculty Council Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2017

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D. REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

1. President – Tony Frank
2. Provost/Executive Vice President – Rick Miranda

3. Faculty Council Chair – Tim Gallagher

4. Board of Governors Faculty Representative – Margarita Lenk

5. Provost’s Council of Engagement – Paula Mills

6. UGO Annual Report – Richard Eykholt

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. UCC Minutes – December 1, 2017

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Proposed revisions to the General Catalog – Retroactive Withdrawal - CoSS

G. DISCUSSION

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January 16, 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Minutes to be Approved

A. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1. December 12, 2017

Amend the year from 2017 to 2018 in Minutes--under Proposed Faculty Council Agenda – February 6, 2018 – Clark A207 – 4:00 p.m.

Executive Committee unanimously approved placing the amended December 12, 2017 Executive meeting minutes on the Faculty Council website.

II. Items Pending/Discussion Items

A. Announcements

1. Next Executive Committee Meeting: January 23, 2018-3:00 p.m. – Room 106 – Administration

Gallagher announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on January 23, 2018.

Executive Committee also has a meeting scheduled for January 30, 2018. The Faculty Council meeting agenda has to be emailed one week in advance (which is also January 30, 2018); therefore, EC will not have time at this meeting to make any major changes to the February FC meeting agenda—only necessary minor changes.

B. Action Items

1. UCC Minutes – December 8, 2017

Makela moved (Barisas 2nd) to place the December 8, 2017 UCC meeting minutes on the February 6, 2018 FC meeting consent agenda.

Makela’s motion was unanimously approved.

2. Biennial Reviews for Discontinuance and Continuance of CIOSUs – CUP
Discussion of two centers/institutes. Hold off on the Equine Institute Center and the Center for Advising and Student Achievement – Are these name changes? Separate category for renaming rather than discontinued/suspended as this message has implications. What about those with a “deferred” status? What does that mean?

Separate question as to whether this is a consent agenda item or Action item. Gallagher will look at the Code and see what it says.

Miranda argues for ceding the authority on this to CUP.

Barisas: It might be the case that most of these are not degree-granting programs but rather are centers of excellence or areas of expertise without much funding so there probably should not be a lot of additional effort put in here.

Makela: Center for Advising and Student Achievement should not be on the discontinuance list.

Gallagher will contact Mo Salman for more information re: CASA and Equine Teaching Center.

Hayne: Is suspended different from discontinued?

Makela: Is deferred different from discontinued?

C. Reports

1. President – Tony Frank

Frank reported the following:

Federal government will probably get a notice out later this week regarding a possible government shutdown.

Miranda pointed out that projects will continue and we still have access to funds and federally contracted projects.

State side: Nothing new in Governor’s budget. Probably only ongoing discussion to impact budget would be questions around PERA.
Questions:

Hayne: Ratio of PERA to DCP?

Miranda: Trying to look at the whole picture; 1700 state classified employees.

Frank: A lot of discussion of our portion with PERA liability. Affects financial index.

Frank: Also, on February 2, Turning Point USA has been invited to the campus. Security measures will be addressed.

Frank will meet with the Administrative Professional Council on February 13, 2018 to discuss the preface. Gallagher added that he and Richard Eykholt met with Jason Johnson, OGC, to discuss issues concerning the preface.

Frank’s report was received.

2. Provost/Executive Vice President – Rick Miranda

Miranda reported the following:

Miranda joined Semester at Sea for the first leg of the voyage from San Diego to Hawaii; the ship was heading on to Japan. Lynn Johnson and Miranda are trustees. He was very impressed by the operations. He visited about 30 different classes—approximately 75 classes are given. About 10 CSU faculty and staff on the ship. Our people are the star of the operation. Everyone was very complimentary to how the partnership with CSU is working better than the University of Virginia collaboration.

Lenk: It’s a great way to internationalize faculty.

Miranda’s report was received.

3. Faculty Council Chair – Tim Gallagher

Gallagher reported the following:
Attended the Committee on Scholastic Standards meeting after the first of the year. This committee considers appeals from students who have received an academic dismissal from the university and can request retroactive withdrawals. Karen Barrett is the Chair and members include Ketul Popat, Kristy Dowers, Liba Goldstein, Jason Frazier, Kristy Nowak, Paul Ode, and Yolanda Sarason. If you know anyone from your college, please go up and thank them. They have to review dozens and dozens of cases. They have autonomous authority with their decisions, which are final.

Gallagher talked about President Frank’s mention of the preface. Gallagher will keep EC informed about Frank’s meeting with the AP Council on February 13, 2018.

Gallagher would like EC members to think about the Turning Point USA visit on February 2.

Stromberger suggested that something go out to the faculty, in particular, regarding free speech.

Gallagher’s report was received.

4. Board of Governors Faculty Representative – Margarita Lenk

No report as the Board did not meet. Lenk invited all EC members to send “cool things” that faculty are doing from our colleges. She presents these updates to the BOG and they seem to enjoy faculty stories.

Lenk’s report was received.

D. Discussion Items

1. Survey results from peer institutions – recording Faculty Council meetings

Gallagher contacted Lola Fehr, our Registered Professional Parliamentarian, for her opinion. She replied emphatically that she discourages the activity to record. Robert’s Rules of Order states you should not do it.
Knoll distributed copies of responses from our peer institutions; 4 did not perform audio recordings at meetings and 9 did perform audio recordings. One of the no responses stated that Robert’s Rules of Order revealed recordings should not be done. This group can decide to send it out to the full Faculty Council if it wants to.

Lenk felt recordings will shut down most discussions, even though she believes in transparency.

Gallagher met with Jason Johnson, OGC, and asked what would happen if “the plain meaning of the words” were different from the intention. Johnson said that the plain meaning trumps “what they meant to say”. Gallagher said you cannot change how you conduct your business based on what Faculty Council members meant to say. It turns out that the words can be different.

Barisas felt that recording meetings was not useful and could have a chilling effect on frank discussions. He also asked whether EC should even have a hand in this since we would have to make this an agenda item, as it has not come through other committees. We don’t have a 100% transcription so minutes can be revised to make the record accurate.

Reising: There is nothing that warrants a change.

Makela pointed out that those institutions that record do this to satisfy the online meeting attendees.

Kroll asked what committee this topic would have to go to.

Gallagher stated that it actually would be EC. If it were clearly in the domain of another committee then that would be different but that’s not the case here

Lenk: Our minutes are close to a transcript.

Executive Committee adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Tim Gallagher, Chair
Sue Doe, Vice Chair
Rita Knoll, Executive Assistant