Shared Governance Executive Committee (SGEC)

Minutes of the February 20, 2012, Meeting/Approved on March 5, 2012

Chair Richard Statom called the meeting of the Shared Governance Executive Committee to order on February 20, 2012, at 3:30 pm. in the University Board Room. Attendees were: Larry Adams, Uchenna (Ralph) Akalonu, Kevin Jacques, Vagn Hansen, Ethan Humphres, Sandee Loew, David Shields, Richard Statom, John Thornell, Darlene Townsend, and Brenda Webb. A quorum was present.

The agenda of the meeting was adapted to include New Business item # 4 Task Force Work Groups—Infrastructure Committee; the minutes for February 6, 2012, were approved as presented.

Chair Richard Statom reported:

1. Extension of the Thanksgiving Break. Proposal from the Student Government Association (SGA) to extend the current Thanksgiving break to a full week. *Sent to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee on 2/20/2012*
2. Creation of a Working Group [Ad hoc Committee]. The President requested approval for the creation of a work committee to address issues concerning Kilby School. *Approved by the SGEC on 2/6/2012.*
3. Modifications to the Faculty Handbook. Proposal from the Faculty Senate to modify the Faculty Handbook, Sections 2.5.1 and 2.5.2. *Sent to the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost on 2/6/2012.*
4. Review of Shared Governance Document. Members of the SGEC were requested to begin a review of the Shared Governance Document for possible modifications. *In progress*.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

1. Tuition Remission Policy. Proposal from the Council Of Academic Deans [presented by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences to modify the Tuition Remission Policy for Adjunct Faculty.

The SGEC decided to send this proposal to the Faculty and Staff Welfare Committee by consensus of the members.

1. Academic Honesty Policy. Proposal from ASA Committee to modify Academic Honesty policy. Last Revisions were approved by the Faculty Senate and the ASA committees, but may need Staff Senate and SGA approval. There is a sense of urgency on this issue since approval will need to be reflected in syllabi. The SGEC, by consensus, sent this proposal to both committees—Staff Senate and SGA.
2. Residency Requirement for Freshmen. V P David Shields and SGEC member Kevin Jacques brought discussion to the table requesting approval to establish a task force to explore the possible development of a proposal for freshmen to live in on-campus housing. The proposal was submitted by the ASA. The SGEC agreed through consensus that ASA develop this task force with the understanding that faculty and students be included.
3. Task Force Work Groups—Infrastructure Committee. David Shields identified two work groups needed a) one to review issues related to ADA compliance and b) another to review the possibility of building new residence halls. He particularly noted that new conditions of ADA compliance criteria must be in place during March, 2012. Additional information will be forwarded to the SGEC.
4. Review of the Shared Governance Document. There was discussion that this process has begun and will be continued by members of the SGEC.

Comments from Constituents

SGA

President Akalonu discussed:

* general plans for students to attend Higher Education Day in Montgomery,
* the SGA Officer elections—to be held March 12-14,
* the largest donation made by SGA to the United Way--$12,000 from the Step Sing Event, and
* tentative plans to host Mayoral candidates’ debate.

Senates

President Ethan Humphres indicated that the Staff Senate approved the Transient policy.

President Darlene Townsend indicated that the Faculty Senate had modified the Promotion/Tenure Policy and that it is under review by President Cale.

Administration

Dr. Thornell discussed:

* the time table for SACS Reviewers’ activities on campus,
* Lisa Keys-Mathews’s e-mail concerning the QEP reminders, and
* a BBQ meal event, with donations by Bishop’s- Bar-B-Que, is a planned fundraiser for the China Study Abroad Fund.

Mr. David Shields discussed the upcoming events:

* the Black Box Theater grand opening on Friday, March 2, featuring George Lindsey and Ernest Borgnine and
* the George Lindsey Festival with Michael Rooker and Bill Jones.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda H. Webb 3/5/2012