



Academic Governance Executive Committee meeting minutes

February 16, 2018

Those present

Neal Abrams, Colin Beier, Sid Chatterjee, Janine DeBaise, Kelley Donaghy, Robert Meyer, Lee Newman, Matthew Smith, Ruth Yanai (by phone)

Administrata

- Colin presided over the meeting in the Chair's absence.
- Meeting called to order at 4:05p. Agenda set is to act on the two complaints presented to the AGECEC via e-mail on 2/26/18.

Discussion

- Do we consider Melissa's complaint? It is not a resolution, so it will be considered as a separate item but under the same topic of new business.
 - Sid: Suggested that the removal of AG Chair is no different than recent removal of three dept. chairs. Recommends compromise above removal and if we move forward, the evidence for allegations need to be presented. Also, Klaus must be given an opportunity to defend and rebut the allegations. Only after that, can a vote come forward. He openly votes **against** bringing it to the body [no vote was held, this was a statement]
- Colin: Would Klaus be given an opportunity for rebuttal and defense?
 - Kelley: Would the rebuttal occur at the AG meeting?
 - Neal: There is precedent for advance notice and opportunity to respond. Klaus should be provided an opportunity to provide a written rebuttal before the meeting.
- Kelley: What is the AGECEC's role in these complaints? Do we then agree with the complaints and bring it forward or not agree and not send it forward.
 - Ruth: The body should take a stand as "suffered the most."
 - Colin: Substance of two complaints is similar. The decision is to share the complaints, but how? We also need to decide if the AGECEC recommends the documents move forward.

- Matt: It is in our role to decide whether it has merit or not.
- Colin: The committee can make a recommendation (or not).

Motion 1 (Kelley, 2nd by Janine)

- Agree both complaints must go forward to the body.
- Amendment from Neal: the AGEC will send the recommendation with complaints to the membership ahead of the meeting on Feb 20th meeting. Second by Kelley.
- Final motion: Both complaints and a recommendation go forward to the body and sent to the membership ahead of the meeting on Feb 20th meeting. Second by Janine.
- 9 yes, 2 no. Motion carries.
 - Email votes included from Q. Wheeler, M. Teece, and T. Selfa *in absentia*

Discussion

- Colin: Need a recommendation. Also acknowledge that Klaus needs an opportunity to respond.

Motion 2, from Kelley, 2nd from Janine

- Requests the committee write a recommendation that supports the complaints sent by the parliamentarian and the faculty member.
- 7 Y, 1 N. Motion carries.

Discussion

- Colin: what language do we use in the recommendation?

Motion 3 (Kelley, 2nd from Janine)

- After receiving two complaints from the membership, the AGEC finds merit with the complaints and recommends Klaus Doelle be immediately removed as Executive Chair and that he does not retain the title of Past Executive Chair.
- Call to question: 7 Y, 1 N. Motion carries.

Discussion

- Colin: how do we protect due process?
- Timeline discussed so Klaus be informed before the campus and he will be invited to offer a response. The AGEC will move the complaints and recommendation to the voting body (AG, not CampusNews) before 11a on Monday.
- Lee: Consider asking Klaus to resign. Then the motion does not go to the body.

Suggested phrasing to be sent to Klaus before the AGECE moves forward:

Klaus,

It is no one's intention to embarrass you or vilify you before Academic Governance or the College as a whole. It is the Executive Committee's intention to present the two complaints from Matt Smith and Melissa Fierke as well as the AGECE's recommendation to the voting body by Monday at 10am. We would like to provide you an opportunity to respond to the complaints after our sending out the complaints prior to the AG meeting on 2/20. At the same time, if you choose to resign from your position as Chair of Academic Governance before Monday at 10am, the complaints and the AGECE's recommendation would be made moot and therefore not distributed to the voting body. We present you both of these options so you can make an informed and thoughtful decision within the short timeline for action.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04p by Colin.

Respectfully submitted by Neal M. Abrams