

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate
Executive Committee

November 5, 2007 meeting
8:00 – 10:00 a.m. – Adelbert Hall, Room 352

AGENDA

1. 8:00 a.m. Approval of Minutes of the October 10, 2007
Executive Committee meeting - attachment D. Matthiesen
2. 8:05 Update from the Faculty Senate Budget Committee K. Ledford
3. 8:15 President's announcements B. Snyder
4. 8:25 Provost's announcements/updates J. Goldberg
5. 8:30 Chair's announcements D. Matthiesen
6. 8:40 Update on UUF activities W. Deal
7. 8:50 Proposals from the College of Arts and Sciences
 - Modification of name of interdisciplinary program
 - Certificate in Early Music for CIM students
 - M.A. in Cognitive Linguistics - attachments

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Minutes of the November 5, 2007 meeting
Adelbert Hall, Room 352

Committee members in attendance:

Jay Alexander
William Deal
Dominique Durand
Jerold Goldberg
Julia Grant
Kathleen Kash
Bill Leatherberry
David Matthiesen, Chair
Barbara Snyder
Glenn Starkman, Chair-elect
Susan Zull

Committee members absent:

Diana Morris Elizabeth Tracy

Also in attendance:

Faye Gary, Co-chair, Faculty Senate Committee on Women Faculty
Robert Greene, Chair, College of Arts and Sciences' Committee on Educational Programs
Kenneth Ledford, Chair, Faculty Senate Budget Committee
Paul Salipante, Chair, Faculty Senao ue0echairig6B

Committee.

At the meeting of the University Budget Committee on October 23, Mike Heise, General Manager of the Medical Center Company (MCC), which provides steam and chilled water to the university and University Hospitals, and Ken Basch, Vice President for Campus Planning and Operations, spoke about infrastructure renewal. Mr. Heise indicated that the boilers at MCC date to 1967, and have five more years of remaining life. Moreover, the current plant is at capacity, at a time when the hospital and the university are expanding their demand. Replacement and expansion, which will be needed after 2010, will take significant capital investment. The result will be an increase in the price of heating, cooling, and electricity to the university in out years, on the scale of 2 to 3 percent per year. Thus, the future utility cost trend will be of increases rather than the decreases seen over the past several years.

Professor Ledford stated that the Faculty Senate Budget Committee is prepared, at its two scheduled December meetings, to consider reports submitted by the Senate's standing committees of issues/items having budgetary impact. He responded to questions regarding faculty feedback on the proposed financial recovery plan. The point was made that faculty response was minimal because so little detail had been provided. Interim Provost Jerry Goldberg stated that details should be accompanied by explanations, and should reach the faculty through their deans. The Provost was asked to publicize dates when appropriate data would be shared with various constituencies.

President's announcements

President Barbara Snyder asked committee members for comments on a recent article in *The Observer* concerning faculty salaries. She is requesting factual input and benchmark data from a number of sources, and Professor Matthiesen noted that the Faculty Senate Compensation Committee has been tracking this information since 2001. The president was considering various responses, and thanked the Executive Committee for its thoughtful counsel. All agreed that a consistent message and open communication – perhaps with *The Observer's* editor and also with the USG leadership – is advisable.

Provost's update on strategic planning

Provost Jerry Goldberg informed the committee that representatives from Anthony Knerr & Associates, the consulting firm retained to assist in the strategic planning effort, have begun interviewing on campus. The university's Steering Committee is scheduled to meet this week, and the schools' steering committees are also meeting. A series of retreats will be scheduled after the first of the year, and "town hall" meetings will be arranged to share information and solicit input. Task forces have been formed, and people have volunteered to serve. Leaders of these task forces will be identified soon, and first meetings scheduled.

Chairman's announcements

Professor Matthiesen spoke recently to the Board of Trustees' Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee, and reported on the "working dinner" attended by members of that board committee and members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. He mentioned that faculty and trustees expressed common goals at these events. The provost added that there is great consistency in the conclusions reached from these exchanges. Professor Matthiesen also spoke

to the full board, informing trustees of the following: (1) there is great concern among the faculty regarding the affiliation agreement with University Hospitals; (2) the Faculty Senate Budget Committee's recent expansion was a faculty, rather than administrative, initiative; (3) the Budget Committee is operating with a sense of inclusion and transparency, and is appreciative of the support and commitment demonstrated by the administration; (4) the Faculty Senate Executive Committee has asked the Senate's standing committees to submit issues/items having budgetary impact to the Executive Committee, which will then pass these to the Budget Committee for review and assessment. The Executive Committee will then determine priorities, and work with the full Senate to gain endorsement of recommendations to forward to the administration.

that function, the responsibility be placed with another unit. Professor Deal will continue to keep both Executive Committees informed of developments in the coming months.

Presentation of priorities with budget impact

Professor Matthiesen accepted submissions from the Faculty Senate's standing committees. The Committees on Women Faculty, Minority Affairs, Information Resources, Personnel, Faculty Compensation, and University Libraries submitted written documents, which will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate Budget Committee for assessment and, if possible a determination of costs to finance the initiatives put forth. The Budget Committee will report back to the Executive Committee, which will establish priorities to be