

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate
Executive Committee
Friday, October 10, 2008
1:00-3:00pm – Adelbert Hall, Room 352

AGENDA

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| 1:00 | Approval of Minutes from the September 9, 2008 Executive Committee meeting, <i>attachment</i> | G. Starkman |
| 1:05 | Chair's announcements | G. Starkman |
| 1:15 | Realignment of Senate Standing Committees | G. Starkman |
| 1:25 | Presentation of Master's of Nursing degree <i>attachments</i> | A. Levine |
| 1:35 | Discussion of Graduate Students' Mentoring Guidelines | A. Levine |
| 1:45 | Discussion of Expanded Benefits Policy <i>Attachment</i> | S. Case
K. Ledford |
| 1:55 | | |

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Shirley Moore

Discussion of Graduate Student Mentoring Guidelines

Professor Alan Levine related that the Graduate Studies Committee reviewed the _____, authored by Case Western Reserve University graduate students in consultation with professors who had received the Diekhoff Award for graduate teaching. The student authors seek input about how best to promote the guidelines to the faculty. It was recommended that the document be distributed to faculty members who serve as graduate studies directors in each department.

Professor Ken Ledford, chair of the budget committee, indicated that the Budget Committee reviewed

Report from the Grievance Process Reform Committee

Professor Bill Leatherbury, chair of the grievance process reform committee, summarized the committee's report which is attached to these minutes. There was consensus that there is a need for a faster and more effective process of resolving certain sorts of disputes without resorting to a formal grievance hearing. The committee has outlined a proposed mediation process that would be implemented as a pilot program. Professor Bill Leatherbury will present the proposal to President Barbara Snyder and Provost Bud Baeslack; the details of the proposed mediation program will be submitted to the Executive Committee after the committee has incorporated the administration's feedback.

New Business

A proposal, similar to one passed at Cleveland State University, to grant students permission to miss class if they are working to staff election activities on November 4 was discussed. It was decided that time constraints before Election Day and individual arrangements already made by faculty members regarding class absences made such a resolution impractical for this election year.

Approval of the Tuesday, October 21, 2008 Faculty Senate meeting agenda

The agenda for the September 24 Faculty Senate meeting was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00p.m.

APPROVED