

# UNIVERSITY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## Minutes

January 9, 2012

ATTENDEES: President Becker, Provost Palm, Paul Alberto, Linda Goodfellow, Don Reitzes, Rose Sevcik, Siva Nathan

I. Approval of October 12, 2011 minutes - The minutes were approved.

### II. President's Remarks

- Dr. Becker will be meeting with the Provost and her team at the end of the month to get reports on all that was accomplished in the first year of the Strategic Plan
- On a very strong pace for the best year in fundraising in the history of the University—at least 15-20% for the first six months above the same period last year.
- We received a \$5 million grant from the Goizueta Foundation, and the largest grant in the cycle for higher education from the Coca Cola Foundation.
- Beginning this year, there will now be a stipend--associated with the title and the honor--paid to all Regents Professors in the spring and fall semesters.

### III. Provost's Remarks

- At the last Administration Council meeting the set of guidelines permitting faculty to transfer the location of their unit from one administrative area to another was approved.
- There are ongoing searches for the Dean of Public Health where 25 applications have been received; and for the Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs where more than 50 qualified candidates have applied.
- A checklist is being maintained on the implementation of the strategic plan.
- The review process of awarding titles for non-endowed & Limited-Term , including nominations, will be kept confidential. A small revision was made to the eligibility section of the document defining professors—only "*faculty holding the rank* " of professors.
- When the write-up on Regents Professors and the Distinguished University Professorships is done, it will go in the faculty handbook, but will not be a part of the P&T manual since it is not an earned merit promotion.

### IV. Senate Business

#### A. Committee on Faculty Affairs

1. Promotion & Tenure Manual – The manual was accepted.

- B. Committee on University Statutes and Senate Bylaws
  - 1. Proposal to increase the number of members on the Student Discipline Committee membership – the motion passed.
  
- C. Committee on Admissions and Standards
  - 1. Motion to delay implementation of new transient credit policy (information item) The motion passed.
  - 2. Motion on academic dishonesty discovered after graduation (information item) The motion passed.
  - 3. Motion to give credit for end of HS Examinations from countries other than the US – The motion passed.
  - 4. Motion on hardship withdrawals – Additional information and review requested.
  - 5. Motion on the Learning Support Program (information item) – The motion passed.
  
- D. Committee on Student Life and Development
  - 1. Motion to amend the definition of “student” in the *Student Code of Conduct*. The motion passed
  
- E. Committee on the Budget
  - 1. Resolution to rescind the recommendation for a 9% salary cap for summer courses. – The motion passed.
  
- F. Executive Committee
  - 1. Motion for the Provost to provide an annual status report to the Committee on Planning and Development on progress of Strategic Plan – The motion passed.
  
- G. Senate Business
  - 1. Create an *ad hoc* committee to revise the Faculty Handbook – The motion passed.
  
  - 2. Create an *ad hoc* committee to examine the administration of graduate programs – The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.