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Agenda & Minutes

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Members Present: Teshome Abebe, Todd Bruns, Amy Davis, Matt Inverso, Stephen Kozlowski, Nichole Mulvey, Jeanne Okrasinski, Alicia Neal, Md Farhadur Reza, Grant Sterling, Jeff Stowell, Anne Thibault Geen, Larry White

Guests: Steve Brantley, Jay Gatrell, Michael Gillespie, Gunnar Olson

- I. Approval of Minutes from April 4
 - a. Motion to approve by Senator Inverso, second Senator Okrasinski; motion passed with Senator Neal abstaining.
- II. Senate Reports
 - a. Executive (Bruns/Stowell/Mulvey)
 - i. EIU Think Tank (Bruns)
 1. The preliminary white paper on equity and retention on campus, written by Senator Abebe and Dr. Michael Gillespie was shared last meeting and FS discussed next steps for distribution to other groups on campus. Additional discussion was shared about the paper including the reason for the group's focus on retention and its relation to equity as it stands at EIU with data to support this focus. The paper discusses pass/fail rate as one option to increase retention. Caveats, challenges, and additional information were discussed with plans for continued discussion at a later date.
 2. Another initiative being discussed by the Think Tank is related to the growing number of international students' interest in attending EIU and possible supports. One idea was using half-time GAs (semester) to allow international students to show they have been accepted into a program. Additional information will be discussed later as this option is explored.
 - ii. Shared Governance Chairs (Bruns)
 1. The executive board has not met since last meeting, so no report.
 - b. Elections & Appointment (Stowell)
 - i. Senator Stowell shared a list of individuals for appointed committees. Senator Stowell made the motion and Senator Sterling seconded to approve the list. The motion passed unanimously to approve the list and FS thanks colleagues for volunteering to serve.
 - c. Student & Staff Relations (Neal/Davis)
 - i. No report
 - d. Faculty Forum (Sterling)
 - i. No report

- e. Awards (Scher)
 - i. No report
- f. Ad-hoc Academic Honesty and Student Standards (Thibault-Geen)
 - i. No report
- III. Provost's Report
 - a. The Interim Provost search and Interim AVPAA search will hold interviews next week on campus and all are invited to attend.
 - b. There is a Board of Trustees meeting on Friday with plans to dedicate the Lumpkin School of Nursing.
- IV. Organizing for 23-24 occurred with nominations and voting for executive board followed by filling of FS committees.
 - a. Nominations for recorder – Motion Senator Bruns, Second Senator Scher for Senator Mulvey; passed unanimously.
 - b. Nominations for vice chair – Motion Senator Bruns, Second Senator Abebe for Senator Stowell; Motion Senator Parrish for Senator Abebe, who declined nomination. Nomination for Senator Stowell passed with one nay vote.
 - c. Nominations for chair – Motion Senator Mulvey, Second Senator Stowell for Senator Bruns; passed unanimously.
 - d. The following committee chairs were also nominated, and Senators voiced interest in participating in the following committees.
 - i. Awards: Senator Scher (chair), members Senators Sterling, Reza, Parrish
 - ii. Budget Transparency: Senator Parrish (chair), members Senator Scher, Sterling, Brantley, Neal, White
 - iii. Student/Staff Relations: Senator Brantley (chair)
 - iv. Faculty Forum: Senator Abebe (chair), members Brantley, Reza, Inverso, White
 - v. Elections and Appointments: Senator Stowell (chair), members Senator Okrasinski, Neal, Thibault-Geen
 - vi. Academic Honesty and Student Standards: Senator Thibault-Geen (chair), members Senators Inverso, Okrasinski
- V. Open Session Discussions: On-going Topics - Senators Round Robin
 - a. Writing-in-Major (Sterling) – We will plan to continue the discussion in the fall in conjunction with planning for the 2024 HLC visit.
 - b. GenEd Questions (Sterling) – We will plan to continue the discussion in the fall in conjunction with planning for the 2024 HLC visit.
- VI. Motion to adjourn by Senator Inverso, Second by Senator Sterling
 - a. Adjourned at 3:07