

Executive Committee  
Wednesday, April 9, 2008  
Daley, 1-360

Minutes

Present: Case (chair), Cullars (secretary), De Groote, O' Brien, Wiberley, Weller, Zhao.

1. The agenda was approved as amended with the addition of a New Business item to discuss a personnel matter and another on Senate Committee membership.
2. The Minutes of March 12, 2008 were approved as submitted.
3. Old Business
  - Budget update: The governor is proposing a zero percent increase in the University's state appropriation for FY09. Case reported that Deans' Council discussed various scenarios as how best to cope with the situation and to map out where the campus is now and what it needs to do in the next few years to make the most of current state funding and to locate and obtain additional resources. Case will discuss budgetary matters at the All Staff Meeting of April 24 [subsequently postponed].
  - Research workshops: Weller reported that all the workshops have been given except for one on finding a publisher that she and Carol Scherrer will present in early May. Weller also circulated a research workshops evaluation form that she will ask faculty to fill out following the final workshop. Since Weller will be unable to attend the faculty meeting, Cullars will summarize the workshops at the meeting.
  - Mentoring Program update: Case reported matching mentees with mentors and that she will also ask clinical faculty if they wish to have mentors. Unless informed otherwise, earlier mentee/mentor pairings will continue as previously. De Groote will check to see if asking for a mentor is a checkoff item on the library faculty orientation document. [It is.]
  - Annual review of the UL: Cullars reported that Provost Tanner met with EC on April 9 to discuss the report on the evaluation of the UL that EC prepared, based on questionnaires returned by faculty and academic professionals and its own deliberations. The Provost will communicate these findings and recommendations to Case in both a written document and in a personal discussion in the next four to six weeks.
4. New Business
  - Case brought a personnel matter to EC for its advice.
  - Weller solicited members of EC for suggestions for library faculty to run for election to UIC Senate Committees that have vacancies. With the exception of the Senate Executive Committee, one does not have to be a member of the Senate to serve on Senate committees. Deb Bleicic is continuing on the Academic Services committee and Cullars on External Relations. EC proposed library faculty to be invited to run for some of the other Senate committees.
  - EC looked at the proposed agenda for the faculty meeting of April 23. Case suggested dropping the budget item since she will be discussing that at the All Staff Meeting the following day. It was suggested that the link to the Scholarly Communications webpage be inserted, since that topic will be discussed at length by Bleicic and De Groote at the meeting.

Submitted by John Cullars, April 23, 2008; approved May 14, 2008.