Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 1, 2013

9:00 a.m., 245 Patterson Office Tower

Present: Anibal Biglieri, Jeremy Crampton, David Hamilton, Mark Kornbluh, Betty Lorch, Brian Rymond, Kirsten Turner, and Steve Yates

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Brian Rymond and the minutes were approved with minor edits.

**Updates on staff restructuring**

Chief of Staff, Kirsten Turner, updated the Committee on the staff restructuring.

Currently, we have hired 5 of the first 12 positions and she hopes to finish hiring the remaining 7 in the next week to 10 days. Following that, we will begin interviews and hiring of the remaining 60 positions. We are running slightly behind schedule due to spring break but hope to make up some of that time in the next few weeks. Ideally, all positions will be filled by mid-May.

**Report and discussion on China trip**

The Dean gave an update on his 14-day trip to China. While there, he visited three universities in different regions: Jilin University, Shanghai University and Shantou University. The goal of the trip was to meet and set up dual degree programs with the universities. He would like our faculty to visit these schools and their faculty to visit the University of Kentucky. Each university was very interested in our University Scholars programs. Ideally, students will come here and take a mixture of undergraduate and graduate classes. We would like for them to leave with a master’s degree.

**VBB implications and strategy for broadening the College**

The Dean informed the Committee that in the next few months, we will likely see the plans and numbers for the Value Based Budgeting model. From his understanding, next year’s budget will run normally but with a shadow VBB model to help us monitor how it will look. The following year, Value Based Budgeting will go into full effect. The Dean stressed how each department runs its programs very differently in terms of efficiency. The Dean asked the Committee for ideas on how to move forward with teaching efficiently. There was a discussion about lecturers, postdocs, PTIs and FTIs. The bottom line is that we need to teach more students as efficiently as possible.

**Awards and Honors Committee**

At the last meeting we discussed creating an Awards and Honors Committee. The deans suggested four candidates. Dr. Yates indicated that we need one more person to serve. Associate Dean Schatzki was away for this meeting and Dean Kornbluh suggested we discuss another person with him at the next meeting.

**Lecturers Voting Rights**

At the request of Bob Grossman, Department of Chemistry, we discussed lecturers’ voting rights.

**Other**

The Dean’s Office will suggest a date for an all faculty meeting at the end of the Spring Semester.