

The Executive Committee has met twice since the last meeting of the University Council on September 30. The October 7 meeting started at 3:30 pm on Zoom. Following approval of the minutes from the September 16 meeting, the committee approved two proposals from the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees, one of these proposals was subsequently withdrawn and then resubmitted and approved at the Executive Committee's November 4 meeting. Both proposals are on today's Council agenda as action items.

The Final Report of the Franklin College Senate's Ad Hoc Committee on Baldwin Hall, along with a letter and resolutions sent to President Morehead and the President's response, were discussed at length as information items for the Executive Committee's consideration. The chair explained how these materials were presented to him and the Secretary last February, and why they had just been placed on the committee's agenda. Following a discussion of possible options, the committee approved placing the report and the two related documents on the next Council meeting agenda as information items. The discussion then turned to what action the committee could make regarding the report. A motion was made to form an ad hoc committee, modeled on the recently established COVID-19 Response Committee, that would make recommendations for further action regarding Baldwin Hall. This motion was seconded and in the following discussion several members of the Executive Committee expressed the importance of taking more time to draft the resolution calling for the establishment of this committee and its charge. Following this discussion, the initial motion was withdrawn, and another motion was made to form a subcommittee of no more than five Executive Committee members to draft a motion for consideration at the committee's next meeting regarding the formation of the ad hoc committee on Baldwin Hall as well as the charge of that committee. This motion was seconded and approved.

Under Old Business there was a brief follow up discussion about reconstituting the Faculty Conference, and an update on the ad hoc COVID-19 Response Committee. The CRC had met twice and was being co-chaired by Janette Hill and Annette Paulsen.

There being no new business, the meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm.

The Executive Committee met again at 3:30 pm on November 4. After the minutes of the October 7 meeting were approved, the committee approved six proposals from the University Curriculum Committee, all of which are action items for Council today. The committee next discussed and ultimately approved a resolution from the Educational Affairs Committee regarding the faculty's role in educational affairs and policies. This resolution is also on today's Council agenda. The committee next discussed and approved two proposals from the Faculty Affairs Committee. One concerned faculty governance and the other pertained to surveillance. Both resolutions will be considered by University Council today. The last action item the committee considered was the resubmitted proposal from the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees about establishing an attendance requirement for Council meetings. This proposal was approved and is an action item for Council.

The Executive Committee next considered three information items. These included the 2019-20 Academic Honesty Report from the Educational Affairs Committee, and an update about the work of the ad hoc COVID-19 Response Committee, and a request from the Provost's office for the establishment of a Center on Human Trafficking Research and Innovation. The committee approved these items being placed on the University Council agenda for information.

The final item on the Executive Committee's agenda was an update from the subcommittee appointed after the October 7 meeting to prepare a resolution and charge for the establishment of an ad hoc committee on Baldwin Hall. The Executive Committee chair shared letters and emails about the draft resolution and charge that he had received from the Parliamentarian, the University's General Counsel, and the chairs of the President's Task Force on Race, Ethnicity and Community, and the Planning Committee on Diversity & Inclusive Excellence. This was followed by discussion about the pros and cons of revising the draft resolution and charge during the Executive Committee's deliberations as opposed to asking the subcommittee to take time to revise the draft documents after consulting with the Parliamentarian, the General Counsel, and the Task Force and the Planning Committee chairs. Following this discussion, the chair moved to table the proposed resolution and charge. The motion was seconded, and it passed after a roll call vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.