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Executive Council  
Mansion Board Room  
October 31, 2007

Members Present: Eric Karlin, Irene Kuchta, Anita Stellenwerf, Maria Vail, Erin Augis, Susan Eisner, Amruth Kumar, Marcia Sexton, Jim Morley

Members Absent: Lisa Cassidy (absent due to teaching conflict), Steve Rice

1. Parking update

Councilors Kumar and Stellenwerf provided a brief update from the parking committee. Discussion on parking availability and policies continues.

2. Calendar update

Members discussed the start dates for spring semester as an agenda item for the November 7 Faculty Assembly.

3. Task force on Criteria for Sabbaticals

President Karlin met with members of the sabbatical task force last Wednesday for their initial meeting. Sam Mustafa will chair the Task Force; Marta Vides is representing the Union while Jim Morley is representing Executive Council. Councilor Eisner suggested the Task Force look at career development criteria in terms of its priority ranking. Comments or suggestions on sabbatical criteria should be made through the unit reps or to the ex officio reps.

4. Funding guide

Councilor Cassidy has made some minor adjustments based on feedback. Members were asked to please review the guide before it is posted and announced at the November 7 Faculty Assembly.

5. Faculty Assembly agenda

The November 7 Faculty Assembly will be in the H wing auditorium. President Karlin will report on the following items: status of sabbaticals, parking, calendars, scholarship, and formation of the Executive Council subcommittees. He will also announce the discussion of the Faculty Assembly governance structure as an agenda item for the December 12 Faculty Assembly. Councilor Cassidy will present the funding guide and an update from the Under-10s. ASB will present their faculty showcase. Provost Barnett is invited to provide an update on what has been done for supporting scholarship since last spring and what actions have been taken to operationalize enhanced financial and procedural support for faculty scholarship in the 2008-2009 academic year. DAC will present a 5 minute update of their activities.

6. State Commission of Investigation Report

The State Commission of Investigation report released late last week was discussed. President Karlin is meeting with other state institution faculty leaders this weekend to discuss areas of common interest, and will include discussion of the Report.

**Action Item:** Executive Council will draft a letter to the editor piece in response to the Commission Report and President Karlin will present it to other faculty leaders at their Saturday

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meeting. President Karlin will inform President Mercer.

**Action Item:** Executive Council requests that President Mercer be asked to provide a brief response to the Commission Report at the November 7 Faculty Assembly.

#### 7. Minutes

Minutes of the October 10, 2007, Executive Council meeting are approved. Minutes of the October 24, 2007, Executive Council meeting will be revised and emailed to members for their review.

Revised and submitted by M. Sexton, November 5, 2007