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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #18**  
**January 16, 2018**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, in Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Conley presiding. Senators Derbyshire, Gindy, and Leonard were present. Senators Mahler and Rice were absent.
2. Minutes from FSEC meeting #16, December 11, 2017 were approved.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**

- a. Chairperson Conley reported on his meeting of January 8 with Dr. Walsh, AAUP Executive Director. He reported on his and Senators Derbyshire and Sullivan's meeting with the Provost, Vice Provost Beauvais, and Vice Provost Bodah of January 10. Workload adjustment to recognize faculty effort on Senate committees had been discussed at each of these meetings.

**4. ONGOING BUSINESS**

- a. The FSEC discussed the timeline for the dissemination of information to Senators, Senate committee members, deans, and the faculty at-large about the new committee structures, the expanded role of Senate service, and the process for Senate committee membership. The FSEC will distribute information via email in February and publish brochures describing the duties of the committees in March. Information packets will be developed to assist committee chairs in undertaking their responsibilities. Chairperson Conley and Vice Chairperson Leonard intend to address the deans at a Council of Deans meeting. The FSEC discussed proposing a common meeting time of (non-Senate) Thursdays, 3 – 5 PM, for the 6 new committees. Chairperson Conley suggested that, next year, the FSEC continue the practice of assigning each committee a liaison from among the FSEC members.
- b. The FSEC discussed the ad hoc committee to define non-credit credentials. Potential departmental representation was considered. The matter will be further discussed when all FSEC members are present.
- c. The FSEC consented to forwarding to the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee proposed changes to the University Manual concerning the transfer policy submitted by

Mr. Rooney, Coordinator of the Transfer Resource Center, University College.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Neff