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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #19
January 22, 2018
MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:09 PM on Monday, January 22, 2018, in Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Conley presiding. Senators Derbyshire, Gindy, Leonard, Mahler and Rice were present.
2. Minutes from FSEC meeting #18, January 16, 2018 were approved.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**
 - a. Chairperson Conley provided an update on the selection of faculty members to the search committee for the Chief Information Officer.
 - b. Chairperson Conley reported that Mr. Pennypacker, Manager of Web Communications, would present the new website template for the University and for departments at the January 29 meeting.
4. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
 - a. Chairperson Conley summarized the meeting discussion of January 10 with the Provost's Office regarding workload adjustment to recognize faculty effort on Senate committees. The Provost's Office, at that meeting, indicated that it would prepare a memorandum of understanding clarifying the terms of course release and workload adjustment.
 - b. Chairperson Conley informed the Committee that there was a forum discussion on the subject of the new Senate committee structures and responsibilities and the implications on Senate culture planned for the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting, January 25. The FSEC discussed the committee brochure development, committee chair training, and the plan to address the deans at a Council of Deans meeting.
 - c. The FSEC discussed the ad hoc committee to define non-credit credentials and proposed the names of 6 faculty members to represent relevant, specifically impacted areas. The Committee moved approval of the selections. The motion passed. Vice Chairperson Leonard agreed to represent the College of Business. Chairperson Conley indicated that he would ask the others identified.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Acting on the motion from the December 7, 2017 Faculty Senate meeting, Chairperson Conley directed Senator Gindy, Chair of the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee, to consider in the AS&CC committee all contingencies in removing references to Columbus Day from the academic calendar and replacing them with references to Indigenous People's Day and report on the matter at the March 22, 2018 Faculty Senate meeting. Senator Gindy said that the AS&CC would discuss the issue at its February 2, 2018 meeting.
- b. Senate Coordinator Neff reported that the Budget Office had recently begun to include input from Enrollment Services in the budget impact statements associated with new program proposals. The input has consisted of analyses of the history of course offerings and statements of potential need for 1) additional fund 100 resources for staff in Enrollment Services to work with the proposing colleges and departments to set up program coding, establish the academic structure for the programs, and reconfigure degree audits; and 2) the hiring of additional faculty to teach courses that currently exist but that have not been offered on a regular basis. Ms. Neff indicated that she has been contacted by faculty proposers who were surprised by these statements, did not understand the purpose of the information nor how to effectively respond. FSEC members indicated that they would discuss the matter with the Provost.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Neff