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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #25
March 19, 2018
MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM on Monday, March 19, 2018, in the President’s Conference Room, Green Hall, Chairperson Conley presiding. Senators Derbyshire, Gindy, Leonard, Mahler, and Rice were present. Vice Chair-elect Senator Nassersharif was also present.
2. Provost DeHayes and Vice Provost Beauvais joined the meeting at 1:05 PM. The FSEC discussed the workload adjustment associated with the newly reorganized standing committees of the Senate. The Provost, together with Vice Provost Beauvais and Vice Provost Bodah, had drafted a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in order to establish agreement concerning the workload adjustment accorded chairs of the standing committees of the Senate and, specifically, chairs of the “full committees,” those with associated subcommittees. The Committee discussed the terms of the MOU. The Provost had supported the Senate committee reorganization because of the intention to streamline the committee duties and promote greater efficiency. He expressed the view that greater efficiency could lessen the work of the committees, especially the larger ones, and the workload adjustment would not need to be as significant as initially proposed by the Senate. Chairperson Conley said that it was the intention of the FSEC to re-design the committee processes. He indicated that the workload adjustment was consistent with the anticipated effort on the part of the new chairs to assimilate new duties and develop new procedures. A statement of workload adjustment for the chairs of the full committees was agreed to with the understanding that it would be reviewed after a transition period of two years. Discussion followed about the impact of the committee changes on the expectations of service as a senator. It was suggested that workload adjustment negotiations with department chairs and deans start prior to election to the Senate. Provost DeHayes and Vice Provost Beauvais left the meeting at 1:55 PM.
3. Minutes from FSEC meeting #24, March 5, 2018 were approved as amended.
4. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
5. The FSEC continued the discussion about the Senate committee workload adjustment and, specifically, about the source of funds for possible course release. Committee members expressed concerns about the necessary negotiations with department chairs and deans.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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