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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #1**  
**May 19, 2017**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 19, 2017, in Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Conley presiding. Senators Derbyshire, Gindy, and Mahler were present. Senators Leonard and Rice were absent.
2. Minutes from FSEC meeting #36, May 1, 2017 were approved.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**

The Committee established tentative meeting dates for the summer and discussed a possible weekly meeting time for the fall semester.

**4. ONGOING BUSINESS**

- a. The FSEC discussed the ad hoc committees that planned to meet during the summer: Committee on Standing Committee Restructuring, Committee on Standing Committee Training, and the Committee on Admissions Criteria review (for the New York Harbor School). The intended purpose and proposed membership of each committee was reviewed. Chairperson Conley, who intended to chair the restructuring committee, said that he had encouraged student involvement in the restructuring committee. He explained the rationale for the proposed new model for the standing committees. Reducing the number of faculty members to six was intended to engender greater individual responsibility and improve the sense of value of committee work. Reducing the number of students from three to one was proposed in order to correspond to the reduction in the number of faculty members. Redefining the role of administrators as consultants was intended to allow committees to benefit from their expertise while eliminating both their disproportionate influence and the tendency to rely too heavily on their input. Chairperson Conley reminded members that, at its November 17, 2016 meeting, the Faculty Senate had charged the FSEC with formulating a plan for the reform of the role of non-faculty, non-student (administrator) committee members. Chairperson Conley characterized the purpose of the restructuring as an effort to create a faculty-led model to effectively and transparently advocate for the issues important to faculty.
- b. The FSEC discussed hosting, again for a second year, an orientation for Senators to take

place on the Thursday before the first Faculty Senate meeting in the fall. Ms. Neff said that she had reserved Beaupre 105 for September 14, 3:00 – 5:00 PM. The Committee proposed a tentative agenda: introduce FSEC members, summarize expectations and goals, present an overview of parliamentary processes and general procedures, and follow with a reception.

- c. The FSEC discussed the Administrator Evaluation (AE) process and the request by some of the 2016-2017 AE committee members to consider changes to the procedures and some aspects of the development of the survey instrument. Discussion followed. The FSEC discussed the value and purpose of submitting the final AE report to the FSEC.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. The FSEC reviewed 2017-2018 committee vacancies. Senators Gindy and Mahler volunteered to serve on the Joint Committee on Academic Planning. The FSEC reviewed the nominees elected by colleges to serve on the Curricular Affairs, General Education, Undergraduate Academic Advising, and Technology Committees. Nominations for these committee vacancies were approved. Other committee appointments were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff