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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #4
August 25, 2017
MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:13 AM on Friday, August 25, 2017, in Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Conley presiding. Senators Derbyshire, Gindy, Leonard, and Mahler were present. Senator Rice was absent.
2. Minutes from FSEC meeting #3, July 27, 2017 were approved.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

Chairperson Conley reported on the August 24 meeting of the Senate Chair and Vice Chair with Provost DeHayes and Vice Provost Beauvais. Chairperson Conley reported that the Provost discussed creating a new administrative position to oversee global initiatives at the University.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chairperson Conley proposed that each standing committee of the Senate be assigned a liaison from among the Faculty Senate Executive Committee members. The liaison would act as a point of contact for committee concerns or issues. FSEC members volunteered as follows:

Chairperson Conley – Curricular Affairs Committee, Undergraduate Academic Advising Committee, Academic Standards and Calendar Committee, Constitution, By-Laws, and University Manual Committee

Senator Derbyshire – General Education Committee

Senator Gindy – Committee on Information Technologies, Infrastructure, Computing, Communications, and Networking

Senator Mahler - Council for Research, Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee

- b. The FSEC reviewed the following section of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate:

4.16 Committee reports to be placed on the agenda for a regular Senate meeting must be submitted to the Executive Committee at least seven days in advance of the Executive Committee meeting preceding the Senate meeting at which said reports are to be considered for inclusion on the agenda, and shall be distributed with the agenda to members of the Senate.

Discussion followed. The FSEC members agreed that the Faculty Senate Coordinator should receive committee reports to be presented to the Faculty Senate in time to allow review at regular FSEC meetings prior to Senate meetings.

- c. The FSEC reviewed a proposal from the Center for Career and Experiential Education (CCEE) (University College) to create a common course number for internship courses across all departments in the College of Arts and Sciences in order to comply with reporting requirements. Chairperson Conley reported that representatives from the CCEE had presented the proposal at a meeting of A&S department chairs earlier in the year and had followed up with individual chairs. Discussion followed. FSEC members questioned the following: if compliance with reporting requirements were sufficient rationale for what was proposed as curriculum development, how interdisciplinary internships would be managed, and if there would be any faculty oversight of these courses. The Committee also questioned the relationship of the new common-numbered internship courses and the existing ITR courses. Members expressed a general concern about the potential for significant credit accumulation through internship courses and the subsequent impact on the value of the liberal arts degree.

5. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a. The FSEC reviewed the agenda for the September 14 “Senate Camp,” the welcome and orientation event for Senators.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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