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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #11
October 30, 2017
MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM on Monday, October 23, 2017, in Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Conley presiding. Senators Leonard, Mahler, and Rice were present. Senators Derbyshire and Gindy were absent.
2. Minutes from FSEC meeting #10, October 23, 2017 were approved.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**
 - a. Agenda items for the upcoming (November 6) meeting of the Committee with Provost DeHayes were discussed.
 - b. Possible faculty appointees to the Alumni Association Executive Board were suggested.
4. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
 - a. A possible sixth faculty appointee to the ad hoc committee to review the procedures for the Senate evaluation of administrators was suggested.
 - b. The FSEC selected faculty from among the nominees for the Administrator Evaluation Committee for Dean Ebrahimpour and made suggestions about soliciting additional faculty for Dean Corliss' Committee.
 - c. The FSEC reviewed their proposed amendment to the Senate motion to approve descriptions of newly configured standing committees (new sections 4.20 – 4.70 of the By-Laws) that would create two subcommittees, the Competitive Grants Subcommittee and the Center Review Subcommittee, as part of the Committee for Research and Creative Activities. Discussion followed. The proposed amendment will be submitted to concerned members of the Council for Research for their review and input.
 - d. The FSEC reviewed the report from the Constitution, By-Laws, and University Manual (CBUM) Committee. CBUM was directed by the Faculty Senate at its October 19, 2017 meeting to submit revisions of the Constitution, By-Laws, and University Manual, as needed, to the Senate reflecting new terms of eligibility for Senate committee membership. Senator Rice suggested that the language describing a transitional process

from the current system of selecting members to the new system be codified in the By-Laws as a sunset provision with expiration date of April 30, 2019. The Committee agreed.

- e. The Committee deferred continued discussion of the procedures for processing Honors courses until such time as Senator Derbyshire could be present.
- f. Regarding the development of an overarching process for proposing and approving interdisciplinary courses associated with programs not governed by a single academic unit (college), Chairperson Conley stated that he hoped to establish a statement of principle under which details could be subsequently crafted that would apply broadly to interdisciplinary efforts. Senator Rice stated that the process should align courses with the funds to deliver them.
- g. The Committee discussed non-credit bearing credentials referred to as badges. Chairperson Conley said that he would follow up on his email communication of September 11 to the chairs of the coordinating and review committees (Graduate Council and Curricular Affairs Committee) reminding them of the (April 20, 2017) charge by the Senate to develop a proposal defining badges as credentials. The Committee considered appointing an ad hoc committee to the task of developing a proposal to define badges and the process for earning them if the chairs of the Graduate Council and Curricular Affairs Committee preferred.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff