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FACULTY SENATE OFFICE

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #1
June 1, 2016**

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, in Library Conference Room A, Chairperson Sullivan presiding. Senators Byrd, Conley, Leonard, Mahler, and Tsiatas were present.
2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**
 - a. Chairperson Sullivan welcomed the 2016-2017 Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) members to their first meeting and new members were introduced. He noted some of the ongoing concerns of the FSEC and indicated that he would like each FSEC member to assume responsibility for a topic or theme and report on that issue at meetings.
 - b. Chairperson Sullivan reported that he had upcoming meetings scheduled with the interim Chief Information Officer, Mr. Kubica, and Dean Boughida, Chair of the Information Technology Strategic Governance Committee (ITgov).
 - c. Chairperson Sullivan indicated that he would like to reserve meeting times for the FSEC every other week during the summer.
 - d. The FSEC established a regular meeting time for the Fall 2016 semester.
 - e. Chairperson Sullivan reported that he would like to host an initiation session for Senators prior to the first Faculty Senate meeting in September. An overview of basic parliamentary processes would be provided, Senate member expectations would be discussed, and an electronic voting method would be introduced. Ms. Neff was asked to follow up on the availability of Beaupre 105 on September 15, 2016.
3. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a.** Chairperson Sullivan reviewed the status of the search for the director of the General Education Program. The search committee had identified one eligible candidate and had recommended the hire of this candidate to the FSEC. Discussion followed. The FSEC agreed unanimously to offer the position to the candidate subject to the language in the job description that the position reports to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee represented by the Senate Chairperson or designee. Chairperson Sullivan said that he had previously emailed the individual and that he would follow up. Discussion followed about establishing the priorities of the office of the director. Launching the new program and establishing a model for assessment were identified as immediate priorities.
- b.** The question of eligibility and appropriateness of non-tenure track faculty serving on Senate committees was discussed.
- c.** Chairperson Sullivan moved approval of four new courses and one proposal to change catalog language submitted to the FSEC by the Curricular Affairs Committee (CAC). The courses had been previously approved by the necessary general education outcome panels [on March 31, 2016, the Faculty Senate authorized the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Senate between May 5 and September 22, 2016 regarding the approval of courses and/or undergraduate curriculum changes pertaining to the implementation of the General Education Program]. The Committee approved three of the four courses and the catalog changes. COM 243G was not approved. Ms. Neff was asked to request that the CAC obtain supporting documentation from the College of Business for the course.
- d.** Senator Byrd and Senator Leonard were appointed to the Joint Committee on Academic Planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff