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FACULTY SENATE OFFICE

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #2
June 15, 2016**

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, in Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Sullivan presiding. Senators Byrd, Conley, Mahler, and Tsiatas were present. Senator Leonard was absent.
2. Minutes of FSEC Meeting #1, June 1, 2016 were approved.
3. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
 - a. Chairperson Sullivan provided an update regarding the status of the appointment of the Director of the General Education Program. He reported that he and Vice Chairperson Conley had met with the candidate, Professor Rachel Dicioccio, and had extended a verbal offer of the position. Professor Dicioccio had accepted. Chairperson Sullivan had subsequently submitted a letter of offer to her (dated June 14, 2016) asking her to meet with the FSEC at the next regularly scheduled meeting, June 29. Chairperson Sullivan asked Committee members to review and prioritize the responsibilities of the Director of General Education and provide their responses to him by June 17. He said that the priorities established by the FSEC would be provided to the new Director. Discussion followed. The FSEC discussed the potential need to include a description of the Office of the Director of General Education in the University Manual and the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate. Discussion followed about the relationship between the Director and the General Education Committee. Chairperson Sullivan suggested that, as new language was being considered, the FSEC give thought to reducing the size of the General Education and Curricular Affairs Committees. Vice Chairperson Conley was asked to lead in drafting the description of the role of the Director.
 - b. Chairperson Sullivan said that he planned to meet with two individuals (faculty members) regarding chairing the Curricular Affairs Committee and the General Education Committee.

- c. The FSEC reviewed committee vacancies and approved some of the committee appointments.
- d. The FSEC discussed the election (at the college level) of a lecturer to the Curricular Affairs Committee. The FSEC declined to accept the nomination and decided to pursue an alternative.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chairperson Sullivan discussed defining the April meeting of the Faculty Senate as the last meeting of the academic year for curriculum approvals. He stated that the May meeting of the Faculty Senate is intended to be an organizational meeting for new senators and for elections of new Executive Committee members. The FSEC voted to approve curtailing curricular business in 2016-17 as proposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff