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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #18
November 21, 2016
MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM on Monday, November 21, 2016, in Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Sullivan presiding. Senators Byrd, Leonard, Mahler, and Tsiatas were present. Senator Conley was absent.
2. Director DiCioccio joined the meeting at 10:05 AM. She reported that she had met with the Student Senate President, Mr. Anderson, and it had been decided to schedule the general education promotional event for students in the spring semester, a more opportune time for students. Director DiCioccio also reported that she had hosted a brown-bag lunch for new faculty and had discussed developing and proposing Grand Challenge courses. Professor Aspelund (Department of Textiles, Fashion Merchandising, and Design) had assisted with the discussion. She said that another faculty lunch to promote the Diversity and Inclusion outcome was scheduled for December 18. Director DiCioccio reported that the general education website was under development and that it was hoped to be available in January. She reported that she had met with the Subcommittee on the Assessment of General Education (October 17) and that she and the Subcommittee had met with the General Education Committee on November 3. The General Education Committee had asked to be updated regarding ongoing and planned assessment activities. Director DiCioccio reported that she had met with the Council of Deans. Deans, she said, were supportive of the new general education program and understood the importance of the assessment component. The deans had offered their support in overcoming perceived obstacles to assessing the program. The Director said that she planned to meet with department chairs and associate deans to better inform them about the assessment process and its value. Chairperson Sullivan asked the Director to provide the Executive Committee with a listing of departments whose courses had been selected for assessment. Director DiCioccio left the meeting at 10:40 AM.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**
Chairperson Sullivan reported on his and Vice Chairperson Conley's meeting with the Provost of November 16. The Provost had asked that the Executive Committee provide feedback on the candidates for Vice President for Administration and Finance once the candidates' campus visits were complete.
4. **ONGOING BUSINESS**

- a. The Committee discussed the motion, approved at the November 17 Faculty Senate meeting, charging the FSEC with proposing a plan that Senate committee members not elected or appointed by degree-granting colleges or by the University Library nor student members be considered *ex officio* non-voting members.
- b. The Committee discussed the motion, approved at the November 17 Faculty Senate meeting, charging the FSEC to make a recommendation to the Senate that full-time non-tenure track faculty members be eligible for nomination and election to committees and representative bodies of the faculty and to the Faculty Senate after a minimum of one academic year in their faculty positions. The Committee questioned the role of lecturers in governance and leadership at the institution. The Committee considered the longer-term impact of expanding the numbers of lecturers at the institution whose responsibilities do not include research and scholarly activities. Chairperson Sullivan suggested options in response to this charge.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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