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FACULTY SENATE OFFICE

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #20  
January 25, 2016**

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:35 PM on Monday, January 25, 2016 Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Rollo-Koster presiding. Senators Rarick, Sullivan, Tsiatas, and Welters were present. Senator Kusz was absent.
2. Minutes of FSEC Meeting #19, December 16, 2015 were approved.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**
  - a. Committee members shared their experiences at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic Summit that was held on January 22.
  - b. Chairperson Rollo-Koster reported that she had been asked to represent the institution at a meeting with Commissioner Purcell at the Office of the Postsecondary Education Commissioner to discuss performance-based funding. Additional meetings to discuss the funding formula are planned.
  - c. The Committee reviewed the agenda for the January 28 Faculty Senate meeting.
  - d. The Committee was informed of an issue involving the use of the grade, NW, and deferred discussion to New Business.
  - e. The Committee was reminded that Director Swift and other members of GEIST would be joining the meeting at 2:00 PM.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

The FSEC discussed the process of a late-drop of a class for medical reasons and the necessity, in some cases, of reporting a grade of NW (Enrolled – No work submitted). Discussion ensued. The FSEC decided that consultation with Senior Associate Director Humphrey would be helpful. Ms. Neff was asked to contact him to ask if he would attend an upcoming FSEC meeting.

## 5. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a. The FSEC reviewed several sections of Chapter 8 of the University Manual, Regulations for Students, and drafted proposed changes. An amendment was made to 8.51.11 to clarify the responsibility of the instructor in the event that a student misses an examination. The Committee discussed the need for an explicit statement to be included in the University Manual that all instructors shall provide syllabi to students in their classes. The language in Chapter 8 was amended to include such a statement. The Committee reviewed sections 8.51.22, 8.51.26, and 8.51.27 and discussed the need for clarification of each of these. The FSEC deferred proposing any changes to these sections to another meeting after having an opportunity to consult with Senior Associate Director Humphrey.
6. Director Swift, Senators Conley and Mead, and Professors Goldsmith and Honhart, members of the General Education Implementation Steering Team (GEIST), joined the meeting at 2:00 PM. Progress toward the Fall 2016 launch of the new general education program was reviewed. Director Swift said that a sufficient number of courses had been submitted to the new program, the course approval process was still ongoing, tasks that needed to be done were underway by those responsible for them, and that she and Senator Mead would remain responsible for developing the general education website. Director Swift said that GEIST would remain involved in a peripheral manner until a General Education Director had been appointed. GEIST indicated that a status report and recommendations would be forthcoming soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff