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THE
UNIVERSITY
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FACULTY SENATE OFFICE

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #21
January 29, 2016**

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM on Friday, January 29, 2016, in the Hoffman Room, Swan Hall, Chairperson Rollo-Koster presiding. Senators Kusz, Rarick, Sullivan, Tsiatas, and Welters were present.
2. Minutes of FSEC Meeting #20, January 25, 2016 were approved as amended.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

- a. Members of the Nominating Committee were reminded that a ballot of candidates for the Feb. 18 elections of the 2016-17 Senate officers would be needed by Feb. 11.

4. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a. The FSEC discussed the proceedings of the Faculty Senate meeting of the previous day (January 28), in particular, the motion to change the language describing the Cultural Competency/Diversity and Inclusion student learning outcome associated with the general education program. The Faculty Senate had approved a motion by the General Education Committee to change the name of the Cultural Competency outcome to Diversity and Inclusion. A subsequent motion had been made to strike language from the outcome referring to the U.S. and America. The proposed language changes had been debated on the floor of the Senate until the motion was tabled. The FSEC discussed the issues at the core of the debate. Chairperson Rollo-Koster indicated that she would urge the General Education Committee to consider changes to both the Cultural Competency/Diversity and Inclusion outcome and the Global Responsibilities outcome and return a proposal for a resolution to the Senate.
- b. The FSEC reviewed suggested changes, solicited from the URI Foundation, to the Policy for the Administration of Grants, Contracts and Gifts (the Vice President for Research and Economic Development had submitted updated policy language to the FSEC; the FSEC solicited feedback on the policy from the URI Foundation). Ms.

Neff said she would incorporate the two sets of changes into one draft and return it at the next meeting

- c. The FSEC reviewed proposed language changes to Chapter 8 of the University Manual and made additional proposed edits to sections pertaining to student absences, requests for make-up examinations, final examination scheduling conflicts, and grades, particularly the use of "NW."
- d. The FSEC reviewed the Forum discussion that had taken place at the January 28 Faculty Senate meeting on the subject of the use of 3rd party websites for posting of class materials. Chairperson Rollo-Koster said that she would contact those who had indicated at the meeting that they were available to assist with the matter.
- e. Vice Chairperson Welters said that she would follow up with Disability Services Director Rohland to pursue the idea of establishing a Testing Center on campus. One purpose of a Testing Center would be to facilitate the administration of make-up examinations.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff