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FACULTY SENATE OFFICE

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #3
June 22, 2015 9:00 – 11:00 AM**

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM on Monday, June 22, 2015 in Library Conference Room A, Chairperson Rollo-Koster presiding. Senators Kusz, Rarick, Sullivan, Tsiatas, and Welters were present. Director Swift and GEIST member Senator Mead were also present at the call to order. (GEIST member Senator Conley joined the meeting at 9:20 AM.)
2. Chairperson Rollo-Koster thanked Director Swift and GEIST members for attending the meeting. The Committee and GEIST members discussed the need to communicate to the URI community with one voice about implementation plans and proposed changes to the general education program. Discussion continued about the status of the outcome rubrics and their design for use in assessment. Director Swift indicated that the [rubrics page](#) of the temporary Gen Ed website had been updated. The General Education (GE) Committee had changed some of the rubrics based on faculty feedback and suggestions from the FSEC. Other rubrics, as indicated on the website, were still undergoing revisions. Discussion continued about the timeline for implementation, acknowledging the difficulty of working in the summer months when many 9-month faculty are engaged in other work. Director Swift said that there were plans to host course development workshops on June 29 and 30, and others would be offered throughout the summer. Chairperson Rollo-Koster added that the FSEC had previously discussed wanting information sessions or workshops to be scheduled during the week before the start of the Fall 2015 semester. The Committee and GEIST members discussed the course submission process and other concerns.

Director Swift and Senators Conley and Mead left the meeting at 10:25 AM.

3. Minutes of FSEC Meeting #2, June 15, 2015 were approved as amended.
4. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
 - a. The FSEC discussed the potential structural changes to the general education program and options for proceeding and obtaining Senate approval. Chairperson Rollo-Koster said that she would send a memorandum to the Chair

of the GE Committee requesting a formal report to the Senate detailing the proposed amendments to the program described by means of catalog and Manual language. Once received and accepted, the FSEC would further consider its options.

- b.** The FSEC discussed standing and joint committee appointments.
- c.** Chairperson Rollo-Koster said that she and Vice Chairperson Welters had met with the President and the Provost in separate meetings on June 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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