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FACULTY SENATE OFFICE

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #5  
July 7, 2015 9:00 – 11:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 in Pharmacy 205, Chairperson Rollo-Koster presiding. Senators Sullivan, Tsiatas, and Welters were present. Senator Kusz, Rarick, and Chairperson Rollo-Koster participated electronically.
2. Minutes of FSEC Meeting #4, June 30, 2015 were approved.
3. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
  - a. The Committee discussed the ongoing implementation of the general education program. Discussion ensued about the potential changes to the program outcomes and concerns about the impact of these changes on the course submission process. The FSEC confirmed that it would await the requested Report to the Faculty Senate from the General Education Committee (GEC), ensure that the impact of any changes had had been circulated to the professional programs and, after review and consideration of the Report, decide on an appropriate action.
  - b. The FSEC discussed consolidation of the Teaching Effectiveness Committee (TEC) and the Joint Committee on Online and Distance Learning (JCODL). The TEC had recommended that the FSEC review the charge of the TEC in light of the role of the new Office for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning. Ms. Neff was asked to communicate with the members of both committees (TEC and JCODL) and solicit their thoughts on the composition of a merged committee.

The FSEC discussed discontinuing the Admissions Advisory Board (AAB). Ms. Neff was asked to contact members of the AAB and inform them that the FSEC was considering this action.

The FSEC recommended that the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee be asked to evaluate the purchase of the plagiarism detection software, *Turnitin*.

The FSEC briefly discussed the role of administrators on joint and standing committees.

The FSEC discussed and confirmed faculty appointments to standing and joint committees.

- c. Chairperson Rollo-Koster asked FSEC members to review the draft of the JCAP Strategic Academic Plan 2016-21 and provide responses to her or Ms. Morrissey.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff