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FACULTY SENATE OFFICE

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #6
August 27, 2015 9:00 – 11:00 AM**

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM on Thursday, August 27, 2015 in Pharmacy 205, Chairperson Rollo-Koster presiding. Senator Kusz was present. Senators Welters and Rarick participated electronically. Senators Sullivan and Tsiatas were absent.
2. Minutes of FSEC Meeting #5, July 7, 2015 were approved as amended.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**
 - a. Chairperson Rollo-Koster reported on the meeting of August 26 with the Provost (Senator Sullivan attended in the absence of Vice Chairperson Welters).
 - b. The Committee discussed the Faculty Senate Reception and Information Session to be held on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 4:00 PM in the Alumni Center.
4. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
 - a. The FSEC discussed the Special Meeting of the Faculty Senate scheduled for September 10. Discussion ensued about presenting, to Senators, the proposed changes to the general education program.
 - b. The FSEC discussed the issue of committees that routinely engage in regular business in the summer months and the problem of involvement for 9-month faculty. Other committee problems, including the increasing difficulty in filling committee vacancies, were discussed. Chairperson Rollo-Koster said that she would discuss these issues, as they pertained to Presidential committees, with the President.
 - c. Chairperson Rollo-Koster had asked FSEC members to review a draft of the JCAP Strategic Academic Plan 2016-21 and provide responses to her or Ms. Morrissey. The FSEC discussed their responses. The Committee noted the addition of a proposed Goal 6, *Implementing a Bold Advancement Agenda*. Senators Rarick and Kusz said that they would inquire about Goal 6 at the JCAP meeting scheduled for the following day, August 28.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff