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THE
UNIVERSITY
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FACULTY SENATE OFFICE

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #8
September 16, 2015 2:30 PM**

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 in Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Rollo-Koster presiding. Senators Kusz, Rarick, Sullivan, Tsiatas and Welters were present.
2. Minutes of FSEC Meeting #7, September 9, 2015 were approved as amended.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**
 - a. Senator Tsiatas reported on a meeting between members of the General Education Implementation Steering Team, the Dean of the College of Engineering and faculty from the College of Engineering.
4. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
 - a. Chairperson Rollo-Koster reported that she had been contacted by the Chair of the Mathematics Department with a concern that university advisors had reportedly disregarded math course pre-requisites (placement testing) while registering in-coming freshman during orientation (June 2015). Chairperson Rollo-Koster shared what she had been told by the department chair and what she and Senator Sullivan had discussed with the Provost on August 26 concerning the issue. Discussion ensued. Chairperson Rollo-Koster said that she would suggest that the department chair discuss the problem with the Provost. The FSEC also suggested that the issue be referred to the Undergraduate Academic Advising Committee.
 - b. The FSEC discussed the next day's scheduled Faculty Senate meeting and the expected presentation of the proposed changes to the general education program. Discussion ensued about the Integrative outcome.
 - c. The FSEC discussed the recommendation to appoint a Director of General Education and indicated that they would discuss it with the Provost at the next FSEC meeting.

- d. The FSEC discussed remaining committee vacancies and suggested possible appointees to fill the positions. Discussion ensued about the increasing difficulty in identifying faculty willing to serve on and chair committees. A suggestion was made to consider hosting a forum discussion (at a Faculty Senate meeting) on the subject of committees and committee service. A second suggestion was made to host a Senate discussion on advising to include professional advising.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff