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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #13
October 21, 2015 2:30 PM**

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 in Library B, Chairperson Rollo-Koster presiding. Senators Kusz, Rarick, Sullivan, Tsiatas, and Welters were present.
2. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
 - a. The FSEC discussed concerns about the approval process of courses submitted to the new general education program and the need to meet the timeline for implementation of the new program. The Committee noted that the Faculty Senate had reaffirmed the goal of launching the new program in fall of 2016 at the October 15 Senate meeting. Ms. Neff reported that, to date, only 22 courses had been approved by their associated outcome panels but no courses had yet been approved by the full General Education Committee. The Committee elected to draft a memorandum to the General Education Committee members directing them to produce a report of approved General Education courses to be presented at the November 19 Senate meeting and at every Senate meeting for the remainder of the academic year. The Committee discussed the possibility of additional changes to the structure of the program coming forward for Senate approval. FSEC members expressed concern that additional proposals to change the program would hinder implementation.
 - b. The FSEC discussed the administrator evaluation process of the President. Chairperson Rollo-Koster, a member of the evaluation committee for the President's review, said that the survey would be distributed soon.
 - c. The FSEC discussed the Provost's commitment to hire a Director of General Education and to consider establishing an Institute for Innovation in General Education.
3. Minutes of FSEC Meeting #12, October 14, 2015 were approved as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff