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FACULTY SENATE OFFICE

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #16
November 18, 2015**

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:25 PM on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 in Library B, Chairperson Rollo-Koster presiding. Senators Kusz, Rarick, Sullivan, Tsiatas, and Welters were present.
2. Minutes of FSEC Meeting #15, November 4, 2015 were approved.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**
 - a. Committee members discussed a potential meeting location for the spring 2016 FSEC meetings. Senator Rarick suggested a meeting room in Swan Hall. Ms. Neff was asked to follow up on its availability.
 - b. Chairperson Rollo-Koster announced that she would be presenting a talk in Cambridge, UK and would be out of town on the next FSEC meeting date, December 2, and would miss the pre-scheduled monthly meeting with the President. Vice Chairperson Welters was asked to Chair the meeting on that day. The FSEC developed an agenda for the meeting with the President.
4. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
 - a. The FSEC noted that the Joint Committee on Academic Planning (JCAP) was planning to meet later that afternoon to continue to review and incorporate community feedback on the latest draft of the Academic Strategic Plan 2016-2021. JCAP members were intending to present a resolution to the Faculty Senate on November 19 seeking support of the goals of the Plan. Concerns about professional advisors had been expressed by a number of faculty who commented on the draft of the Plan. FSEC members discussed the role of professional advisors in colleges. Chairperson Rollo-Koster, who is a member of the Strategic Budget and Planning Council (SBPC), said that the SBPC had recommended funds for 10 (FTE) professional advisors to the President in the FY17 budget.
 - b. FSEC members reviewed some of the issues that had been discussed with the Provost at their meeting on November 4. The Committee considered reviewing and possibly revising Chapter 8 of the University Manual, Regulations for Students, Sections 8.51.11 –

8.51.14. The Committee also considered reviewing and revising University Manual statements pertaining to syllabus requirements and working to develop policies pertaining to use of 3rd party websites (for posting of exams, class notes, other class materials) and filming or recording of faculty in the classroom by students. Chairperson Rollo-Koster said she would address these issues, on behalf of the FSEC, in a memorandum to faculty on the subject. Discussion continued on the subject of class materials as intellectual property belonging to the faculty who developed the materials. It was suggested that Associate Vice President Katz (Intellectual Property Management and Economic Development, Office of Research and Economic Development) be contacted for consultation on the matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff