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FACULTY SENATE OFFICE

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #19  
December 16, 2015**

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:40 PM on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Rollo-Koster presiding. Senators Kusz, Rarick, Sullivan, Tsiatas, and Welters were present.
2. Minutes of FSEC Meeting #18, December 9, 2015 were approved as amended.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**
  - a. The Committee was reminded that Director Goldsmith would be joining the meeting at 3:00 PM.
  - b. Chairperson Rollo-Koster reported on her lunch meeting with Athletic Director Bjorn. Ms. Neff was asked to invite him to an Executive Committee meeting in the Spring semester.
4. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
  - a. The FSEC discussed the written response from Director Goldsmith to the request that she consider, and describe the role of, a faculty advisory committee to the Office for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning (ATL). This request by the FSEC was in response to the recommendation by the Teaching Effectiveness Committee (TEC) in its 2014-15 Report to the Faculty Senate. The TEC also recommended that the FSEC review the charge and composition of the TEC in light of the emergence of the Office for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning.

Director Goldsmith joined the meeting at 3:00 PM. She reviewed her recommendation that the FSEC consider abolishing the TEC and replace it with an advisory committee to the Faculty Development Office (part of the ATL). The role of the advisory committee would be to provide advice on the faculty development web pages, topics for ATL conversations, grant submissions, and best ways to support the teaching and learning goals in the Academic Strategic Plan. A representative group of faculty from across disciplines would be asked to serve on the advisory committee. Two or three faculty members would represent the

Collaborative Exploration in Math and Science (CEMS) advisory board, which would then be eliminated. The Faculty Senate would appoint one or two faculty members. Discussion followed. Discussion included a question about the implications of the use of the term “development” as opposed to “support.” Discussion also included a question about the role of the work of the advisory committee relative to the work of the Office (ATL). Director Goldsmith was asked to consult with her staff (Faculty Development Office) about the kind of input from faculty that would be helpful to them. The FSEC concluded that the Senate should retain a teaching policy committee and would propose updates to the charge and description of the Teaching Effectiveness Committee.

Director Goldsmith left the meeting at 3:40 PM. The FSEC continued the discussion about the future role of the TEC and made some preliminary edits to the description of the TEC.

- b.** The FSEC discussed the general education outcome panel review process.
- c.** Senators Kusz and Rarick and Vice Chairperson Welters volunteered to be members of the Nominating Committee. Discussion followed about recruiting Senators to run for office. Elections will be held at the February 18, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff