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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes #7

August 4, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:12 AM on Monday, August 4, 2014 in Pharmacy 107, Chairperson Nassersharif presiding. Senators Cerbo, Rarick, and Sullivan were present. Senator Welters participated in the meeting utilizing Skype. Senator Rollo Koster was absent.

2. Minutes from Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #6, July 23, 2014 were approved.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

a. Chairperson Nassersharif and Senator Sullivan reported on their meeting with the Provost and Vice Provost Beauvais of July 24, 2014. They had discussed the General Education Implementation Steering Team, compensation for the new UCGE Chair, the reorganization of the Rhode Island Board of Education and its implications to our curricular approval process, and the contract with Academic Partnerships to promote the RN to BSN degree program in the College of Nursing. Regarding the question of whether or not the revised general education program (Bill #13-14--21) required Board of Education approval, the Provost indicated that he would prepare a note to file confirming that there is no requirement that the revised general education curriculum be reviewed by the Board and that the President's signature of approval on April 15, 2014 completed the necessary approvals. Regarding the contract with Academic Partnerships, Vice Provost Beauvais said that she would forward a copy of the contract to the Executive Committee. Chairperson Nassersharif also reported that they had discussed the fiscal reorganization in CELS. Vice Provost Beauvais indicated that she was in contact with the chairs in CELS.

b. The FSEC discussed the recent announcement by the Provost of the appointment of a new dean for the Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Continuing Education replacing the Vice Provost for Urban Programs who stepped down from his position on July 1. FSEC members noted that the University Manual contains no language describing the position of Dean of the ASFCCE. Ms. Neff was instructed to draft proposed language to return a description of the Dean and his or her duties into the Manual.

4. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. The FSEC discussed the proposed new Standing Committee of the Senate, the Committee on Information Technologies, Infrastructure, Computing, Communications, and Networking. Chairperson Nassersharif recalled that the President had responded favorably to the idea of this committee. The President had mentioned (in an earlier meeting) that this committee could potentially assist with the work of the external consultant, recommended to be hired by the ARMC for improvements in IT. The FSEC voted to approve the proposed language. Ms. Neff was directed to finalize the proposed committee language and submit it for comment to the President, the Provost, and the Chief Information Officer.

b. The FSEC discussed the proposed changes to the University Manual descriptions of the University College and General Education (UCGE) Committee, the Undergraduate Academic Advising Committee (UAAC), and the Admissions Advisory Committee:

- Remove "review and make policy recommendations to the Faculty Senate on all matters pertaining to the University College, such as admissions policy, length of time to be spent in the college, advanced standing, transfer students, advisement and counseling" and assign it to the Undergraduate Academic Advising Committee
- Merge the Admissions Advisory Committee with the University College and Undergraduate Academic Advising Committee and rename it Committee on Admissions, University College, and Academic Advising (CAUCAA)
- Rename the UCGE Committee as the General Education Committee (GEC)
- The FSEC approved the proposed changes and directed Ms. Neff to submit the changes to Dean Richmond for her comment. Subsequent to her input, the chairs of the impacted committees would receive the proposal relevant to his/her committee.

c. The FSEC discussed the administrator evaluation process and the three administrators who are schedule to be reviewed in the 2014-2015 academic year: President Dooley, Vice Provost Katz, and Dean Wright. Although the President had indicated (in an earlier meeting) that he was not optimistic that the Board of Education could be involved in his review in a meaningful way, he urged the FSEC to proceed with their process. The FSEC indicated that they would ask the President for his selection for his evaluation committee at their next meeting with him (August 28).

The FSEC discussed the solicitation of faculty to participate in administrator evaluation committee work. An email will be sent out the week of September 15, 2014. Ms. Neff was directed to set up initial informational meetings with Vice Provost Katz and Dean Wright.

d. The FSEC discussed continuity and succession planning regarding the Constitution By-Laws and University Manual (CBUM) Committee. Many of its members have served for more than 10 years and there is a desire for their collective knowledge to be codified in writing. Senator Sullivan, a member of CBUM, said that he would contact CBUM Chairperson Wenisch to discuss this.

e. Faculty appointments to vacancies in other standing and joint committees were discussed and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff