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# Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

## Minutes #25

**December 11, 2015**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:25 AM on Thursday, December 11, 2014 in Library Conference Room A, Vice Chairperson Rollo Koster presiding. Senators Cerbo, Rarick, Sullivan, and Welters were present. Chairperson Nassersharif was absent.

### 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

a. Senators Sullivan and Cerbo reported on the ad hoc meeting of December 9 with the Provost, Vice Provost Katz, and Vice Provost Beauvais regarding Senate membership. Senate Chair Nassersharif, Senator Kirschenbaum, and Professor Wensich had also been in attendance.

b. The committee reviewed the agenda for Faculty Senate meeting #4 scheduled for later in the day.

### 3. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. The FSEC reviewed the status of the administrator evaluation committees. President Dooley's selection of a dean as his choice for his review committee was discussed. Members of the evaluation committee for Dean Corliss were selected from the nominees from the Oceanography faculty. Senator Welters reported that the evaluation committee for Vice Provost Katz had met earlier in the day. Completion of Dean Wright's committee is pending member selections from the Dean and the Provost. Discussion ensued regarding the freedom of the evaluation committee to alter the core survey questions.

b. The FSEC discussed the issue of faculty voting eligibility (on matters requiring Senate approval), the memorandum sent to faculty on December 5 by the Senate Chairperson in response to questions about voting rights, and the meeting called by the Provost to address Senate membership and voting rights. Senator Sullivan moved to approve that the FSEC establish an ad hoc committee to study faculty voting rights and Faculty Senate membership and to subsequently advise the FSEC on possible changes that need addressing. The motion passed. Discussion continued regarding the role of the Constitution, By-Laws, and University Manual Committee in the work of the proposed ad hoc committee.

c. The FSEC discussed the upcoming meeting with Commissioner Purcell scheduled by the Provost to take place on December 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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