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# Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

## Minutes #30

**February 10, 2015**

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 in Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Nassersharif presiding. Senators Cerbo, Rarick, Sullivan, and Welters were present. Vice Chairperson Rollo Koster was absent.

2. Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting #5, January 22, 2015 were reviewed Minutes of FSEC Meeting #29, February 3, 2015 were approved as amended.

### 3. ONGOING BUSINESS

a) The Committee reviewed the draft Senate budget that had been discussed with the President in September 2014 and again at the Feb. 3, 2015 FSEC meeting. Ms. Neff was asked to inquire of the Provost's Office 1) when the current Senate Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Committee member compensation rates were established and 2) the source of the funds used in awarding the annual Faculty Outstanding Service recipient.

b) The Committee discussed the agenda of the upcoming meeting of the Chair and Vice Chair with the President. Ms. Neff was asked to schedule another meeting on the subject of shared governance with the FSEC, President, and Provost.

c) The Committee discussed the invitation to meet, on Feb. 16, with the technology consultant hired by the IT Review Steering Committee. Chairperson Nassersharif said that proposals from the IT Review Steering Committee should include a role for the newly created Senate Committee on Information Technologies, Infrastructure, Computing, Communications, and Networking (CITICCN). The Committee reviewed the recent faculty nominees to the CITICCN. Ms. Neff confirmed that appointment of the members would be placed on the February 19, 2015 Faculty Senate meeting agenda for approval. Chairperson Nassersharif said that he would call a meeting of the new committee.

d) The Committee discussed the upcoming meeting with the Dean and Associate Dean of the Graduate School scheduled for Feb. 17. The Committee reviewed some sections of the 2014 edition of the Graduate School Manual.

e) Assistant Vice President Gonzales had contacted the Senate Office seeking two additional faculty members for the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee to assist in review and revision of the Student Handbook. Ms. Neff solicited volunteers from the current Senators but received no responses. FSEC members made suggestions to contact individuals whom they thought might be interested.

f) Ms. Neff was asked to follow up with two faculty members and solicit their interest in being appointed to the President's Web Policy Council.

g) The FSEC discussed the proposed changes to the By-Laws regarding elections of officers, the new term, Vice Chair/Chair-elect, and the corresponding changes to the Constitution of the Faculty Senate all of which will be recommended at the February 19, 2015 Faculty Senate meeting. The vote to approve the changes to the Constitution will be carried out by means of an electronic referendum of the General Faculty.

h) The FSEC discussed the rescheduling of class days missed as the result weather-related cancellations. The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee (AS&CC) was asked to develop a

proposal to adjust the academic calendar in consideration of the following cancellations so far in the Spring 2015 semester:

Monday Jan. 26, evening  
Tuesday Jan. 27, day and evening  
Wednesday Jan. 28, day and evening  
Monday Feb. 2, day and evening  
Monday Feb. 9, day and evening

Chairperson Nassersharif said that the FSEC will ask that the Senate approve delegating authority to the FSEC to act on the recommendations of the AS&CC without benefit of full Senate approval at a monthly meeting. This would enable more efficient action on establishing a makeup schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff