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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes #12

September 11, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM on Thursday, September 11, 2014 in Library Conference Room A, Chairperson Nassersharif presiding. Senators Cerbo, Rarick, Rollo Koster, Sullivan, and Welters were present.

2. Minutes for the meeting of August 21, 2014 were approved.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

a. Chairperson Nassersharif reminded the committee that Diane Goldsmith, Director of the Office of Learning, Assessment, and Online Education would be joining the meeting.

b. The FSEC reviewed the agenda for their meeting with President scheduled for the next day. They discussed some of the agenda items.

c. Ms. Neff was asked to arrange a two-hour meeting for the FSEC to discuss the topic of shared governance (in higher education).

4. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. The FSEC discussed articles on shared governance that had been distributed electronically.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Dr. Goldsmith joined the meeting at 8:55 AM. FSEC members introduced themselves to her. She was asked to review the concerns about SAKAI that were raised by the Joint Committee on Online and Distance Learning (JCODL). In a written report to the Provost and the Senate, the JCODL had recommended that ITS move to a vendor supported version of SAKAI and provide 24/7 help and support. Dr. Goldsmith reported that faculty requests for additional tools and on-call technical support were, in part, driving the need for these recommendations. She explained that, in moving to a new version, the former version would remain in place, allaying concerns that materials would be lost. Discussion ensued about the RFP that has been prepared, the companies that are qualified to do this work, and security issues. Dr. Goldsmith was asked to attend the next Faculty Senate meeting to summarize these issues. She said that she would be happy to do so on September 18.

b. The FSEC discussed Senate selections to the search committee for the Dean of the College of Business Administration. Professor Hannel, Textiles, Fashion Merchandising, and Design and Professor Miller, Ocean Engineering were approved for the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff