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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes #14

September 18, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:09 AM on Thursday, September 18, 2014 in Library Conference Room A, Chairperson Nassersharif presiding. Senators Cerbo, Rarick, Rollo Koster, Sullivan, and Welters were present.

2. Minutes of FSEC Committee Meeting #10, August 28, 2014 were approved.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

a. The FSEC acknowledged receipt of a letter from President Dooley reporting on the Provost’s evaluation. The letter is posted on the Faculty Senate website.

b. The FSEC reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for later that day.

c. Senator Sullivan reported that he had been selected Chair of the Joint Classroom Steering Committee (JCSC) at the last meeting of the JCSC committee.

4. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. The FSEC reviewed their discussion with the President of Sept. 12, 2014. Discussion ensued about the President’s concern for greater efficiency in the process of change at the institution and perceived stumbling blocks to change.

b. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson reviewed the discussion items of their meeting with the Provost of Sept. 16, 2014. The health reorganization proposal had been discussed. The second faculty group (Phase II) to address the idea had met to develop a transitional plan that would be presented this fall to the university community in the form of a report. The Chair and Vice Chair had also discussed with the Provost the newly formed Office of Advancement of Teaching and Learning.

c. The FSEC discussed the plans for the faculty evaluations of President Dooley, Vice Provost Katz, and Dean Wright. The Provost had requested that the Dean of Graduate School of Oceanography, Dean Corliss, also be evaluated because his three-year contract will require renewal in 2015. The FSEC discussed the relevance of evaluating Vice Provost Beauvais because her contract will also require renewal in 2015. The FSEC decided that it would be a disservice to the newly approved Administrator Evaluation process to deviate from the schedule of reviews. From 10.90.11, The evaluation shall be scheduled during the academic year immediately preceding the consideration of reappointment of each administrator. Administrators must be reviewed through this process prior to their reappointment.

Discussion ensued about the survey tool and the ways that it would be adapted for the review of the President. The FSEC discussed including a means to assess the performance of the Vice Presidents in the survey questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.
Respectfully submitted,

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