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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)**  
**Minutes of Meeting #3 May 26, 2020**  
**Via WebEx**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Chair Echevarria. Vice-Chair Cardany, Senators Barbour, Hicks, Morokoff, and Welters were in attendance.
2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**
  - a. Chair Echevarria and Vice-Chair Cardany reported on their meeting with Provost DeHayes and Vice Provost Veeger on May 21, 2020. Items discussed:
    - i. Review of the Director of General Education. Chair Echevarría assured the Provost that the review would be ready as soon as possible and Vice Chair Cardany informed the Provost that, as a member of the committee charged with preparing the preliminary report, she was confident that the report would be ready by Friday, May 26, 2020. All agreed on the time-sensitive nature of the decision about whether or not to renew the current Director.
    - ii. Timeline for Administrator Evaluations . The Provost supported the existing Administrator Evaluation timelines.
    - iii. Communication with faculty about Fall 2020: The Provost agreed that there needs to be more communication around Fall 2020 in order to alleviate faculty stress and he has communicated this to senior leadership.
    - iv. Graduate School Dean: The Provost did not have any updates on the Graduate School Dean search.
    - v. Curriculum Proposal RFP: Vice Chair Cardany provided the Provost with an update on the RFP for an electronic curriculum proposal management system.
    - vi. Compensation for Summer Committee Work: The Provost requested that the FSEC revise its request for Faculty Senate work over the summer to separate the number of meetings that will occur prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> from those that will occur after June 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Key priorities for summer and for AY 20-21
    - i. Senator Morokoff highlighted that, given the difficult budget year ahead, it will be important to consider how courses covered by part-time faculty will be managed.
    - ii. Due to the need to address numerous issues, FSEC agreed to extend weekly FSEC meetings by 30 minutes to 12 PM from 11:30 AM.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes of FS Meeting #9, May 7, 2020, were reviewed for approval at the September Faculty Senate meeting.
  - b. The minutes of FSEC meeting #2, May 20, 2020, were approved as amended.
4. **FACULTY PERSPECTIVES SURVEY** – The FSEC reviewed, discussed and made additional revisions to the FSEC Faculty Perspectives Survey on Fall 2020. The FSEC voted to approve sending the survey to all Faculty Senators.

**5. FALL 2020 SCENARIO PLANNING**

The Scenario Planning documents distributed by the Provost were reviewed and discussed. FSEC began providing constructive feedback on the different scenarios.

**6. CONTINUATION OF STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR AY 20-21**

This agenda item was postponed to the next FSEC meeting.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.