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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)  
Meeting #35 February 2, 2021, 9:30-11:00am**

**MINUTES**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER Faculty Senate (FS)** President Echevarria called the Zoom meeting to order at 9:34 AM. Vice President Cardany, Senators Barbour, Hicks, Morokoff, and Welters were present.
- 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**
  - a. The FS President and Vice President met with Provost DeHayes to discuss the fall delivery of classes and, specifically, if normal Senate approval processes would be required of faculty who do not wish to deliver courses in face-to-face or blended modalities.
  - b. **KUALI** FS Vice President Cardany reported that Mike Motta, Associate Director of IT Services, has joined the CMS Implementation Team as a co-leader. Sean Krueger, a Course Evaluations Coordinator in the Provost's office, has also joined the Team. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 4th of February.
- 3. MINUTES**
  - a. **Minutes of** FSEC Meeting #26, FSEC Meeting #27, FSEC Meeting #28 were approved as revised and corrected.
  - b. The FSEC postponed approval of the minutes of FSEC Meeting #29, FSEC Meeting #30, FSEC Meeting #31, FSEC Meeting #33, FSEC Meeting #34, and FS Meeting #5 were postponed for further review and revision
- 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - a. The FSEC discussed Fall 2021 courses and the FS approval processes. Existing face-to-face, web-enhanced or blended courses do not require additional approvals. However, Enrollment Services will need to be notified of the unique scheduling needs associated with blended delivery. For online delivery, faculty must use the normal approval process, which includes both course approval and demonstration of faculty qualifications for online teaching. Faculty may demonstrate their qualifications for teaching online courses in multiple ways. While most faculty do so by completing professional development activities offered by the Office for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, other options exist.

b. Graduate School Policies for the University Manual

The FSEC discussed the integration of Graduate School policies into the University Manual. The Special Committee accomplished a great deal, but their recommendations have not all been codified in the University Manual. The Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee (CBUM) made substantial progress during the Spring 2020 semester and the Faculty Senate and President Dooley approved those changes. FSEC and CBUM should now focus on developing new changes to the University Manual, reflecting the remaining recommendations of the Special Committee.

**5. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 11: 16 AM.