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Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Meeting #6 - June 29, 2021
9:00-10:30 AM Via Zoom

MINUTES

1. President Cardany called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Vice President Rice, Senators Maier-Speredolozzi, Meyerson, and Nassersharif were present. Senator Welters was absent.
2. Old Business
 - a. President Cardany reopened discussion on University Manual Appendix G, policies. Discussion included the web page for University Policies maintained by the Division of Administration and Finance, the policies page on the Human Resources website, and various student related policies. The FSEC agreed with President Cardany on the importance of the Senate remaining included in all policies involving faculty and students. The FSEC discussed the feasibility of a central repository for policies, suggesting that the Faculty Senate Coordinator be a point person to coordinate and bring forth policies to the FSEC as needed. President Cardany will invite a conversation with the AAUP and Vice President Rider in July to stress the importance of Senate participation.
3. Announcements
 - a. President Cardany reported on the meeting with VP Rice and Incoming President Parlange. She explained, while primarily a welcome and introductory meeting, she took the opportunity to stress the importance of Faculty Senate involvement in shared governance and to highlight the positive relationship the Faculty Senate has with the administration. Vice President Rice reported the goal was to create a foundation for the Senate and shared governance. President Cardany and Vice President Rice are looking forward to working with President Parlange in the future.
 - b. President Cardany explained that Vice Provost Veeger has asked Vice President Rice to write a portion of the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) Interim report due on August 15, 2022.
 - c. Senator Maier-Speredolozzi reported on her conversation with Dean Graney, Dean of Students, on the proposed Academic Integrity Policy. Dean Graney reported that he presented the policy to the Enrollment Services Advisory Committee (ESAC). FSEC asked if the rise in cases

coincided with the pandemic; he responded that the number of cases was rising before the pandemic. During their conversation, Senator Maier-Sperdelozzi noted that colleges may already have integrity policies, and inquired about the panel size. Dean Graney agreed to have his staff reach out to the individual colleges. The FSEC discussed the problem of cheating and feared the policy may not be sufficient, and that a shift in culture is necessary for success. President Cardany agreed the policy would be a starting point; she suggested partnering with the Student Senate on this matter. Dean Graney will attend the July 20th FSEC meeting to continue discussion on the proposed Academic Integrity Policy.

- d. President Cardany reminded the FSEC that a Special Summer Curriculum Meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2021 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. She explained that all proposals approved at the meeting will be presented to the Faculty Senate at the September 30th meeting. Discussion on providing an annual budget to the Faculty Senate for summer curriculum committee meetings is ongoing.
 - e. President Cardany reported that she, on behalf of the FS, attended the meetings with the candidates for the Dean of Graduate School. Senator Maier-Sperdelozzi said the search committee will review and compile the feedback provided for each candidate and will forward the information to the Provost.
4. Approval of minutes
 - a. The FSEC minutes from Meeting #5, June 22, 2021, were approved.
 5. Discussion Items
 - a. Senator Meyerson expressed that while very pleased that Juneteenth is now a Federal holiday, momentum should not be lost in having it recognized and made a holiday by the State. She acknowledged that the issue will need to include negotiation between the State and the unions. Vice President Rice agreed and suggested a proactive approach involving drafting legislation, sharing it with the President & Linda Acciardo, then contacting district representatives and Senator Sosnowski to support it. There would have to be coordination with Rep. Williams and Sen. Metts, because they had introduced earlier versions of a Juneteenth Bill. President Cardany invited VP Rice and Senator Meyerson to work toward writing a bill to take to the State legislature.
 - b. President Cardany reported on the status of FS Committee Appointments. She has begun to hear back from individuals asked to chair the committees. The FSEC discussed alternative committee chair candidates to replace those who declined

the position. She will contact all remaining committee members and confirm their appointments.

- c. President Cardany updated the FSEC on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). She met with AAUP Executive Director Walsh to determine if the 2018 MOU was in conflict with the Union Contract signed in 2018. Director Walsh explained that the MOU was not in conflict with the contract as workload adjustments are processed through the department chair. President Cardany relayed to the FSEC that she and Vice President Rice will be meeting with the Provost on July 8th and the MOU and a FS budget for summer contracting will be discussion items. The FSEC suggested shifting the focus from release time to creating a FS budget equivalent to the work release.
- d. The FSEC continued discussion on the Faculty Senate Coordinator position.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.