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Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)

Meeting #10, July 27, 2021

9:00-10:30 AM, Via Zoom

MINUTES

1. President Cardany called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Vice President Rice, Senators Maier-Speredelozzi, Meyerson, Nassersharif, and Welters were present.
2. Old Business
 - a. President Cardany brought forward the discussion on the proposed Academic Integrity Policy. She inquired as to how much detail should be included in the University Manual language regarding the individual phases detailed in the policy. The FSEC was invited to review the University Manual and share any ideas they have for revisions to the language. President Cardany would like to have recommendations to present to the Faculty Senate at the September 30, 2021 meeting.
3. Announcements
 - a. President Cardany informed the FSEC that the committee assignments have been confirmed, though the Academic Calendar and the Teaching, Advising, and Assessment Committee are still in need of a chair. She will move forward with a suggestion that these committees meet and elect a chair.
 - b. President Cardany reported that on July 21, 2021 she and VP Rice, met with Provost DeHayes, Vice Provosts Bodah and Libutti, the AAUP President, and Executive Director of the AAUP, regarding vaccination requirements for the fall 2021 semester. So far, only 5500 students, including 300 who were granted exceptions, have reported their COVID vaccination status. Discussion included faculty adding statements to their syllabi regarding the wearing of masks and social distancing, whether faculty will be required to make allowances for students by offering the course via Zoom, and if graduate students are also required to report their vaccination status. President Cardany expects notification from the administration will be forthcoming. Senator Maier-Speredelozzi inquired if it would be helpful for faculty to contact their students directly; President Cardany will follow up on that. Senator Nassersharif asked about the enforcement of a mask mandate; President Cardany will speak with Vice President Collins about the ramifications of and procedures for non-compliance.

4. There were no minutes available for approval.
5. Discussion Items
 - a. President Cardany informed the FSEC that she had received information of an emeritus faculty member not being able to access the library. While this incident was resolved, President Cardany and the FSEC discussed the possible need for revised language in the University Manual to include internet, computing resources and library services. It was suggested that Information Technology services be contacted to determine what services emeriti faculty have access to.
 - b. Continued discussion on ITGov was postponed until an August meeting.
 - c. Further discussion on reconciling University Manual Appendix G (Policies) with the Policies Repository Page and the adoption of the formatting documents for policies were also moved forward to a future August meeting.
 - d. Discussion of Inactive joint committees, including the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) Curriculum Committee, Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) Scholastic Standing Committee, and the Providence Campus Undergraduate Initiative Committee was also postponed until August.
 - e. Senator Meyerson relayed that often 9-month faculty members are not aware that they should be compensated when serving on summer search committees. She suggested that perhaps there may be a way to formalize expectations. President Cardany and VP Rice will speak with the Provost about this issue at their next meeting. A suggestion was made to also bring the issue to the AAUP leadership.
 - f. The FSEC continued discussion on the FS Coordinator Search.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.