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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)**  
**Meeting # 12, August 10, 2021**  
**9:00-10:30 AM, via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

1. President Cardany called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Senators Maier-Speredelozzi, Meyerson, Nassersharif, and Welters were present. Vice President Rice was not in attendance.
2. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. President Cardany opened a discussion on the proposed Academic Integrity Policy. She is still waiting for responses from the Provost, regarding his discussion with college deans, and from Dean of Students Graney. The FSEC approved the drafted changes to the University Manual language regarding academic integrity. The revised language will be forwarded to the Curriculum, By-Laws, and Constitution Committee.
  - b. The FSEC discussed revisions to the University Manual language related to Emeritus Access to the library and online resources. Concerns were expressed regarding the lack of a specific point of contact or procedure for faculty seeking these resources. Institutional technology (IT) services were of particular concern. President Cardany will continue to research these issues and will initiate a conversation with Provost DeHayes and Vice Provost Veeger. The discussion was tabled.
3. Announcements
  - a. President Cardany informed the FSEC that the Faculty Senate Coordinator Search Committee has been formed. Senator Nassersharif will chair the Search Committee and will provide future updates.
  - b. President Cardany asked the FSEC to review the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) work done, in the academic year 2020-2021, by the FS Committees to which they are liaisons. She requested that the FSEC liaison review the committee charges as related to DEI and to reach out and connect with standing committee chairs.
  - c. President Cardany updated the FSEC on the status of the Joint Committees Appointments. She asked the FSEC for recommendations of faculty to serve on the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee (1 position), the University Judicial Board (2 positions), Joint Classroom Steering Committee (3 positions), Joint Committee on Online and Distance Learning (2 positions), and the Honorary Degree Committee (2 positions). After discussion, she requested any additional names to be forwarded to her.

4. Approval of minutes

- a. The minutes of the FSEC Meeting #11 of August 3, 2021 were approved.

5. Discussion Items

- a. President Cardany inquired if the vaccination message she prepared was acceptable with the FSEC. The Committee discussed the importance of the message and agreed with the statement as it was presented.
- b. President Cardany discussed the referendum being processed in September in regard to the May Faculty Senate Organizational Meeting. She questioned if a revision was required to the 2021-2022 Senate Meeting schedule as the referendum did not go out in spring 2022. It was determined that once the referendum is fully approved any changes would be effective immediately.

President Cardany explained that she is considering offering the 2021-2022 Faculty Senate meetings in a dual in-person and remote format, as is done with the Board of Trustee meetings. The FSEC discussed the possible need for additional technological assistance at the meetings and the benefits of each meeting format. Discussion will continue.

The FSEC discussed the draft agenda for the Faculty Senate Orientation meeting to be held on September 9, 2021. A suggestion was made to invite the Provost DeHayes, Interim Provost Beauvais, and Vice Provost Veeger.

- c. President Cardany presented the draft of the Faculty Senate Summer Budget Proposal. The Committee discussed the rationale for a summer budget, the desire for continued summer curriculum committee meetings, and funding for shared governance conferences for the Senate leadership. The meeting to discuss the budget proposal with the Provosts, Vice Provosts, and Senate leadership is scheduled for August 16; other interested FSEC members are welcome to attend.
- d. President Cardany explained that in response to concerns about the URI Library, non-continuance of Helin, and Humanities Research, she will reach out to Peter Larsen.

6. New Business:

Senator Welters brought up the scheduling of the FSEC meetings for the Fall 2021 semester. President Cardany asked the Specialist to ascertain the availability of the FSEC members in order to determine the best meeting time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.