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Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Meeting #15, August 31, 2021
9:00-10:30 AM, Via Zoom

MINUTES

1. President Cardany called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Vice President Rice, Senators Maier-Sperdelozzi, Meyerson, Nassersharif were present. Senator Walters was not in attendance.
2. Announcements
 - a. President Cardany updated the FSEC on the meeting she and Vice President Rice had with Director of General Education, Rachel DiCioccio. President Cardany reminded the Executive Committee that the Director of General Education is required to meet with the FS leadership once per semester. Director DiCioccio discussed the progress of the assessment of the B2, Communicate Effectively and B4, Information Literacy, outcomes. A group of people, including 2 members of the General Education Subcommittee, were trained and became the assessment team. Director DiCioccio noted that the group discovered issues for faculty who inherit courses that have been accepted into the General Education program as they are often unsure of what to assess and what items can be used for assessment. Vice President Rice expressed concern on foundational issues such as academic freedom in cases of a general education course being approved and then having a new person coming in to teach the course. Discussion also included rubrics needing revision and the need for the changes to the rubrics to come forward to the Senate. Senator Maier-Sperdelozzi reminded the FSEC that she had been involved from the beginning of the new general education process and explained that approval of changes in rubrics goes against the initial thoughts of rubrics being a living document. The outcomes were the piece intended for senate approval. She explained that the previous Subcommittee on Assessment of General Education (SAGE) produced detailed reports on the assessment process. President Cardany inquired about maintaining a connection between the original group and a current committee, possibly the Teaching, Advising and Assessment Committee. Senator Maier-Sperdelozzi expressed that having a subcommittee presenting to the General Education Committee (GEC) makes sense for informational purposes, but that GEC cannot do all that SAGE had done. President Cardany moved to continue discussion at a future meeting. She

also relayed that Director DiCioccio had decided there would be no general education fair in the fall due to COVID, and that the C3 workshop has 22 participants signed up.

- b. President Cardany reported good news that 93% of students have complied with the COVID-19 mandate. She mentioned that the Graduate School Association has inquired why faculty and staff have not been issued a vaccination mandate. AAUP Executive Walsh explained that AAUP has already been in conversations with the administration. President Cardany inquired if the FSEC would support a statement to the Union regarding this issue. Discussion included while such a statement would show solidarity with the students, some faculty or staff may feel their opinions are being unheard.

3. Approval of minutes

- a. Approval of the minutes from meeting #14, August 24, 2021 was postponed until President Parlange had time to review and approve his section.

4. Discussion Items

- a. President Cardany reminded the FSEC that all Faculty Senate Meetings for the Fall 2021 semester would be held remotely via Zoom.
- b. The FSEC discussed the agenda for the Faculty Senate Orientation meeting being held on September 9, 2021. President Cardany explained that she would like to have the first hour cover introductions, shared governance and the working of the senate, the University Manual, and parliamentary procedures. Following that she would like to have breakout sessions for the Faculty Senate Standing Committees to meet with the FSEC liaison for introductions, discussion of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee charges, and questions from committee members. President Cardany also stated that she would like to have a virtual reception after the breakout sessions.
- c. President Cardany and the FSEC discussed the Senate Committee DEI charges and the recommendations from the FSEC liaisons to those committees. She asked again for their recommendations and suggestions to be added to the listing on DEI Committee tasks.

President Cardany asked the FSEC to review the response to Vice President and Chief Diversity Office Almandrez regarding the University Diversity Council (UDC) report on DEI and the curriculum.

- d. President Cardany stated the discussion of having ITGov listed in the University Manual would be one of the two topics at the Friday, September 3rd FSEC meeting.
- e. President Cardany told the FSEC that the University Policies & Appendix G topic will be discussed at the Friday, September 3rd meeting. She will invite Assistant Vice President Larsen and Assistant to the Vice President Moos to attend the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.