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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)**  
**Meeting #21, September October 8, 2021**  
**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

1. President Cardany called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Vice President Rice, Senators Maier-Speredelozzi, Meyerson, Nassersharif, and Welters were present.
2. Announcements
  - a. FS President Cardany alerted FSEC that she and VP Rice would be meeting with President Parlange on Tuesday, October 12th and discussion of the Honorary Degree Committee was an agenda item for that meeting.
  - b. President Cardany attended her first COVID Advisory Group on October 4th. She announced that they discussed the policy and COVID safety protocols for large events, messaging for the community regarding compliance with the mask mandate, the call for messages to groups regarding faculty and staff vaccination mandate, and the domestic travel policy.
  - c. The Chair of the Teaching, Advising, and Assessment Committee (TAAC) was alerted to charges for TAAC to consider revisions to LOOC. Further, additional faculty were invited to serve on the Committee; Senator Rarick agreed to serve on LOOC and Joint Committee on Online and Distance Learning (JCODL) as a representative of CASC and GEC. Two additional members are needed for JCODL, and LOOC still has no chair.
  - d. Senator Nassersharif explained that three candidates were interviewed by the FS Coordinator Search Committee, and that all met with members of FSEC and VP Bodah. He thanked FSEC for participating in the interviews, and outlined next steps for the search committee in determining a recommendation for hire and the timeline for that hire.
3. The minutes for meeting #19, September 24, 2021 were approved with revisions.
4. Discussion Items
  - a. FS President Cardany outlined the expectations and FSEC involvement with Administrator Evaluations. She explained that Senator Nassersharif will continue in his role as AE Coordinator, that the evaluation process was reviewed in spring of 2019, and that the next review of the process by FSEC must occur in 2025 per University Manual bylaws. She provided the relevant University Manual items for FSEC's information. Senator Nassersharif identified the administrators who are slated to be evaluated this academic year and described the process. A discussion ensued regarding the appropriateness of the Senate office

maintaining sealed results of evaluations in hard copy in a secured file. FSEC will revisit this at a later date.

- b. FSEC discussed the draft report on ITGov that FS President Cardany prepared on behalf of President Parlange. The following suggestions were made: make the terms 3 years to allow for more consistency for faculty or make them 2 years and renewable; the President should designate the ITGov Chair; include a faculty representative from the library along with the Senate Technology committee Chair and an at-large faculty member appointed by the Senate. Additional information is required regarding how many faculty members are on the Committee, and a question arose as to whether ATL has faculty. It was agreed that the Chair of ITGov should report to the Senate yearly as all other Presidential Committees do.
- c. Senator Meyer-Sperdelozzi requested an addition to the IT Policies to be discussed; FSEC agreed. She brought forth concerns regarding the email policy that was posted that morning. FSEC discussed concerns that requiring consistent email configuration could disrupt faculty correspondence with students, researchers, grant applications and such. FS President agreed to bring it to CIO Kaugers attention during the discussion of IT policies.
- d. Guests CIO Kaugers and Senator Amanda Izenstark attended to answer questions and respond to concerns regarding three IT policies: Policy on IT Acceptable Use, Policy on IT Resources, and ITS Endpoint Protection Policy. Further concerns regarding email consistency policy were raised. CIO Kaugers explained that old email will remain valid as an alias, and the new format would be used going forward with new individuals.

Four items were not addressed due to time constraints (Student Senate meetings, proposal to convey Senate business, blended courses, and a resolution for academic freedom regarding Critical Race Theory).

The meeting adjourned at 3:10PM.