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Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)

Meeting #23, October 22, 2021

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., via Zoom

MINUTES

1. President Cardany called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Vice President Rice, Senators Meyerson, Nassersharif, and Welters were present. Senator Maier-Speredelozzi was not in attendance.
2. Old Business
 - a. none
3. Announcements
 - a. Senator Nassersharif updated the Executive Committee on the status of the Faculty Senate Coordinator Search. He informed the Committee that the new Coordinator, Lisa Bourbonnais, had accepted the position and would be starting on November 8, 2021.
 - b. President Cardany told the FSEC that Vice President Rider had included her in a message regarding two Board of Trustees (BOT) Policies (trademarks & intellectual property), which had undergone revisions by the BOT. President Cardany explained that while there was no need for the full Senate to review these two policies, she was encouraged that the Senate was included.
4. Approval of minutes
 - a. The minutes from meeting #22, October 15, 2021 were tabled until the October 29, 2021 meeting.
5. Discussion Items
 - a. President Cardany initiated discussion on the October 21st Faculty Senate meeting. The FSEC discussed President Parlange's presentation including the recommendation for the Provost and the FSEC to work together on language in the University Manual regarding academic freedom.
President Cardany discussed the impressive presentations and reports done by the chairs of the Faculty Senate standing committees at the meeting. President Cardany encouraged the FSEC liaisons to contact the chairs to thank and compliment them on the great job on the presentations and encourage them to continue with their DEI goals.
 - b. President Cardany asked for the FSEC's input and feedback on the document Senator Meyerson had created regarding Faculty Senate Reporting to Colleges. The Committee believes having guidelines and mechanisms for Senators to report back to their colleges would be useful in providing information about the Senate for the benefit of faculty. Once the guidelines are finalized, President

Cardany will bring them to Interim Provost Beauvais to be discussed at a Council of Dean's meeting.

- c. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee continued discussion on whether the Honorary Degree Committee functions as a general faculty, a joint, or a presidential committee. Vice President Rice motioned to move forward in making the Honorary Degree Committee a joint committee. The motion was approved. President Cardany will create a recommendation for the FSEC to review.
 - d. President Cardany reopened discussion on the Academic Freedom Resolution with the FSEC. She explained that she will be attending a meeting with President Parlange, Interim Provost Beauvais, Senator Trimm, and Senator Welters on November 3, 2021.
 - e. President Cardany relayed that meetings and discussion on University Manual Appendix G and the Policy website have continued. Vice President Rice stated discussions have been moving forward toward a mutually acceptable solution.
 - f. President Cardany mentioned that she has heard the Land Acknowledgement Statement read at two events. She asked the FSEC their thoughts on reading the statement at Faculty Senate meetings. Vice President Rice suggested that the Land Acknowledgement statement should be codified and included in the University Manual defining appropriate times for it to be read. The FSEC moved and approved having the Land Acknowledgement Statement read at the September, December, and April General Faculty-Graduate Faculty meetings. President Cardany suggested inviting the Presidents of the Student Senate and the Graduate Student Association to read the statement at the meetings.
 - g. President Cardany said that the COVID Advisory Group had received a complaint regarding the mask mandate at the Library. Discussion ensued on who should be responding to such messages. Senator Nassersharif suggested complaints could be sent to the Dean of Students Graney. President Cardany offered to take any guidance and recommendations from the FSEC to the Advisory Group.
6. President Cardany called for any new business. Senator Meyerson suggested reaching out to Director of Legislative and Government Relations Lopez Estrada, regarding an update on Juneteenth becoming a state holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.