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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)**

**September 12, 2022**

**8:30 - 10:30 AM**

**AGENDA**

**Pastore Conference Room RM224**

**Remote Option: via ZOOM**

1. Call to order - President Rice called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM. Senators Maier Speredelozzi, Echevarria, Forrester, Gindy and VP Nassersharif were present.
2. Announcements
  - a. The preparations for President Parlange's Inauguration are proceeding well. There are in excess of 300 invitees to the ceremonies at Edwards Auditorium beginning 10am on Thursday following a procession from the Higgins Welcome Center into Edwards. Several state and federal officials will be present and parking will be restricted in the Welcome Center & other lots at the south end of campus.
  - b. Senate Pres. Rice and VP Nassersharif met with Interim Provost Beauvais and Vice Provost Veeger. Items discussed were the FSEC budget, the administrative linking of Admissions with UCAS to provide continuity of student onboarding, the interim leadership of UCAS, the pending vacancy in the Library Dean's position, invitations extended to university administrators to formally meet with FSEC on a periodic basis, the impact of the federal FOIA and FERPA laws upon university activities, and priorities for Senate Committees over the next academic year.
  - c. The URI COVID-19 Advisory Committee meets via Webex on Mondays at 2pm to get latest public health updates and formulate campus policy recommendations. Senator Maier Speredelozzi volunteered to serve as proxy on this Committee for President Rice as he has a scheduling conflict.
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. FSEC minutes for August 22, 2022 - the minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

#### 4. Old Business

##### a. University Manual Maintenance -

i. A new Manual section was proposed for Chapter 11, Section 10 of the Manual, "Procedures for Changing the Manual." A new Section 11.10.17 was drafted and subsequently revised by Senators Nassersharif and Echevarria. The Committee discussed scenarios for Manual updates that might require vetting by multiple Committees and the ramifications for marking whole sections of the Manual as "Under Editorial Review." A motion was made, seconded and unanimously supported to adopt the Final Draft of the referenced Section as discussed.

##### b. FS Agenda - Items and logistics for the first regular FS meeting of the academic year set for 9/29/22. Related to the above, it was noted that there will be over 40 new policies listed on the Agenda for faculty to be aware of. Faculty may have questions or concerns about many of them. Staff is to make them available to the Standing Committees prior to the meeting so they can begin reviewing them. Time for more detailed discussions of key policies may need to be docketed on future FS agendas. Other noteworthy agenda items will include adoption of the Land Acknowledgement Statement, a presentation of the results of the Vice Provost's Administrator Evaluation, and the President's Report, which will likely include an update on the University Strategic Plan.

#### 5. Discussion Items

##### a. Proposed By-Laws Amendment - Changes to Appendix C of the University Manual are proposed to address course codes. The proposed change was unanimously approved by the FSEC and staff is to forward it to the CBUM for their analysis and recommendation.

##### b. APC Policies

i. Research Misconduct Policy - Several concerns were expressed by FSEC members about this new policy. It will apply to both faculty and students but it

does not appear that faculty were involved in crafting the policy. Senator Forrester noted that students have an overarching Code of Conduct to guide their behavior and faculty are unsure if the subject policy comports. It is also concerning that faculty don't have a parallel overarching code. It was agreed that at a minimum, the AAUP and the Research and Creative Activities Committee should be given the opportunity to review and comment on the policy before it takes effect as it would likely face serious objections if presented for a vote as-is.

ii. Security Camera Systems Policy - the policy was discussed in some detail and it was agreed that the University's risk management and public safety needs should be balanced against privacy rights. President Rice will encourage the APC to delay adopting the policy until the Service and Community Life Committee has an opportunity to review and comment.

## 6. Action Items

- a. FS Agenda Approval - the Orientation meeting is set for 9/15/22. The agenda from last year's Orientation will be used as a template and staff will make the script available to FSEC members in advance.
- b. Nominations
  - i. Interim Provost Beauvais has requested 2 FS Appointees to serve on the search committee for a new Vice Provost for Global Initiatives per the University Manual Section 2.14.10.
  - ii. Interim Provost Beauvais has requested 2 FS Appointees to serve on the search committee for a new Dean of Pharmacy per the University Manual Section 2.14.10. Several names were suggested to serve on the respective search committees. Staff will reach out to determine who is willing and able to serve and provide the finalists names to the Interim Provost.
  - iii. IP Director Brian Nath requests nominees to serve on the Intellectual Property Committee. It was determined that both current FS appointees are willing to serve again so their terms were renewed.

7. Call for New Business - None

8. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.