

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) Meeting #24 Minutes
November 22, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 10:48 AM in the Library Conference Room B by Chair Nassersharif. Senators Barbour, Hicks, Gindy and Morokoff were present. Vice Chair Echevarria was absent.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Minutes of FSEC meeting #23 November 15, 2019 were approved. Approval of Minutes of FSEC meeting #22 November 8, 2019 was postponed.
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS
 - a. FSEC recapped the previous days' Faculty Senate meeting. Discussion ensued around presentation of Graduate Council and Curriculum and Standards reports and how to change the format for future to improve efficiency during senate meetings.
4. ONGOING ITEMS
 - a. The FSEC reviewed the Graduate Faculty status document sent by Dean Zawia and discussed response key points to be communicated to Dean Zawia from the FSEC.
 - b. The FSEC discussed the process for making changes to the University Manual following the recommendations made in the report of the special committee on graduate school governance. Senator Hicks, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaw (CBUM) Committee, was tasked by Chair Nassersharif to prepare changes to the appropriate UM sections for consideration by the FSEC.
 - c. The First-Year Seminar Task Force Report (URI 101) was provided to the FSEC by the Provost for review and comment. The FSEC discussed the report and agreed to forward the report to the Teaching, Advising, and Assessment Committee and the Curriculum and Standards Committee for review and comment.
 - d. Following the discussion from the previous FSEC meeting on URI Online, concerns regarding the process and direction of new online programs were discussed. Different models for inclusion of the online programs in the overall program offerings of the university were discussed.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Senator Barbour suggested future discussion on a Council on University Extension, Outreach and Economic Development put forth by Senator Rice as a result of VP Snyder's Faculty Senate November presentation.
- b. The group discussed concerns on the lack of recognition of university service and faculty senate work by the university administrators (Deans and Provost) towards promotion.
- c. Program closure process was discussed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 12:46 PM.

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