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Minutes of Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting # 27 Lippitt Hall Conference Room 302D February 7, 2019

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 2: 06 PM on Thursday February 7, 2019 in the Lippitt Hall Conference Room 302D, Chair Leonard presiding with Senators Derbyshire, Honhart, Morokoff, Gindy and Vice Chair Nassersharif in attendance.
- 2. Minutes of Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting January 31, 2019 were approved.
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/UPDATES
 - a. A motion was made to confirm the Sheila Grubman Award to be placed in President's Conference Room.
 - b. A motion was made and approved for the Accelerated Business to Master (ABM) Committee to report to the Faculty Senate Meeting on February 21, 201.
 - c. Lynne Derbyshire of the Nominating Committee reported the Committee is currently focusing on the position of Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and has identified several individuals. They will present their report with final candidates for the Vice Chair/Chair-Elect position on February 21st to the Faculty Senate for voting.
- 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. When notifying Deans regarding the replacement of Senators with expiring terms, will also include Faculty in each college to inform them of the opportunity to run for the Faculty Senate.
 - b. The Technology and Infrastructure Committee proposed that University purchases of software effecting the educational mission be approved by the Technology and Infrastructure was discussed No action was taken.
 - c. Discussion of the Community Equity, and Diversity Report deferred to next meeting.
 - d. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss Administrator Evaluation.
- 5. REPORT
 - a. The Director of the Office of Innovation in General Education Rachel DiCioccio discussed General Education waivers and the lack of standardized process across colleges. A lack of knowledge regarding authority to accept General Education credit by Chairs was noted.

Director DiCioccio is considering creating a three-person committee of Assistant Deans and for each college to take responsibility off the Department Chairs. The FSEC suggested the General Education Sub-committee could address some of these issues. All Faculty teaching any General Education course will be required to participate in assessment Director DiCioccio reported. Dr. DiCioccio reported she is working with SAGE (Subcommittee on the Assessment of General Education) to revise the rubric.

6. Meeting adjourned at 3:37 PM