2017-2018 FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Rabbi Reich Room, Webb Center)

Minutes of the Meeting Held January 9, 2017

Present: David Burdige, Nina Brown, Michael Carhart, Charlie Daniels, Donna Hughes-Oldenburg, Lynn Wiles, Michael Zugelder.

Items discussed:

1. Sharing Jennifer Moody with the Director for Faculty Development. Senator Burdige has been negotiating with Annette Finley-Croswhite, the Director, and with the Provost. The Director wants more of Jennifer’s time than the Executive Committee offered, and wants to know exactly what Jennifer does for us. The EC discussed strategies for dealing with this, and one is that Senator Burdige will instruct Jennifer not to discuss her duties with Dr. Finley-Croswhite.

2. Policy on Students’ Rights. Senator Burdige will talk to Dennis Gregory about heading up an ad hoc response committee.

3. Policy on Criminal Background Checks. We cannot weigh in on this as a single voice, since responses among Faculty Senators vary widely. Each individual Senator who has thoughts on this one should make their thoughts known directly to Donna Meeks.

4. Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs & Strategic Initiatives position. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will have interview time with each of the three candidates being brought to campus. Additionally, Senator Hughes-Oldenburg is a member of the search committee for this position.

5. Policy on Conversion of Research Faculty to Tenure Track. This is currently circulating. The Senate is generally opposed.

6. Grade Appeal Reconciliation Committee. Two changes have been deemed acceptable to Senate representatives on this Committee: 1) that the Provost may award a letter grade at his discretion; and 2) that the Dean in question and/or the Provost can designate a surrogate for the proceedings. The Executive Committee agreed that this did not need to go before the entire Senate, and that Senator Burdige will send out a letter to the Senate at large explaining the changes.

7. Student Opinion Survey Reconciliation Committee. Senator Carhart has asked Vice Provost Payne to rethink the student opinion survey concept, specifically to determine exactly what Academic Affairs wants to accomplish with them.

8. The agenda for the next FSEC / President & Provost meeting was set:

1. University Budget

2. Coordinated emergency response

3. President’s and Provost’s items

Respectfully submitted,



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