Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Executive Committee  
Tuesday, January 5, 2021  
3:00- 4:15 p.m.  
Zoom Conference  

1. Called to order 3:05 pm  
   a. In attendance:  
      i. Chairman John Sokolowski, Secretary Corrin Richels, Vice-Chair Nina Brown, Senator David Burdige, Senator Lynn Tolle, Senator Marc Ouellette, Senator Wie Yusuf, Library Representative James Rhoades  

2. Action Items  
   • Presidential search update  
      o 92 qualified candidates applied  
      o Was narrowed down to approximately 10  
         ▪ A diverse group was selected  
      o Next week committee will interview to select the final candidates  
      o Each member of the committee submitted two or three questions each and are being compiled so that a consistent set of questions can be presented to each candidate  
      o All interviews are being done via Zoom  
      o Still support for the Ex Comm being able to meet with the final 3 candidates  
      o Also a move to have an additional set of faculty meet with the candidates  
         ▪ Approximately 10 additional faculty in this group  
      o All of the candidates have committed to at least 5 years at ODU  
         ▪ John’s sense of the candidates is that they are viewing ODU as a career destination and not a steppingstone to a “better” institutions  
   • Spring semester concerns  
      o We will be starting the semester virtual  
      o It remains unclear whether we will stay online for the length of the semester  
      o Pass/Fail issue  
         ▪ John got a commitment from the Provost going into this semester that the P/F option will be consistent with how classes are offered in the catalog  
         ▪ Marc introduced the idea of adding a grade of aegrotat  
            ◆ University of Toronto defines Aegrotat as a standing which, in exceptional circumstances, may be awarded to students who for medical or compassionate reasons are unable to satisfactorily complete the requirements of a course or courses in situations where the faculty is otherwise satisfied that the student would have performed successfully.  
            ▪ Wie suggested that we are more systematic in how we address issues of P/F  
   • Arts and Letters Dean  
      o Dean Sandstrom will step down  
      o Interim Dean candidates are unknown  
   • Faculty Workload  
      o John followed up with Charlie Daniels regarding his committee’s work on this issue  
      o Charlie reported that his inquiries with other doctorate granting institutions was underwhelming (JMU, UVA, CNU, Va Tech)  
      o The internal documentation provided by the colleges within ODU was more comprehensive but not conducive to creating a formula  
   • Senate Elections  
      o Need to elect Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary again this year  
   • Agenda for meeting with Provost  
      o Discuss the charge of the Program Prioritization Committee  
         ▪ Viability of Certificate Programs  
      o Dean Recruitment
- Title IX
- Workload
- Burden faculty bearing with accessibility
- Faculty Appreciation?

3. Meeting adjourned at 4:09 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Corrin Richels, Secretary – Faculty Senate