Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Executive Committee with the President and Provost

Tuesday, April 6, 2021
3:00- 4:15 p.m.
Zoom Conference

1. Called to order 3:01 pm
   a. In attendance:
      i. Provost Agho, Chairman John Sokolowski, Secretary Corrin Gillis, Senator David Burdige, Senator Lynn Tolle, Library Representative James Rhoades

Agenda

- Fall Semester plan
  o We continue to be in an evolving situation
  o Faculty concerns regarding a potential to pivot from f2f as usual to online decisions will need to be made by July 1
  o Hybrid model – if we open f2f as usual will there still be expectation that students can attend remotely?
    ▪ There are still many students interested in staying online
    ▪ Can there be some truly hybrid option where some students are on campus on some days and online others?
      • Would be challenging to make sure students know what the expected schedule is
    ▪ We need to recognize that many options create even more burden on faculty
  o There is no solution that will work for all programs across the university
  o Family issues
    ▪ Faculty need to be honest about issues that might be different than Fall of 2019
  o Hopefully, by the start of the Fall semester most people will have had an opportunity to be vaccinated
  o We cannot legally mandate vaccination as it is currently considered an “experimental” drug
  o There is discussion of trying to provide vaccines to students prior to commencement and them leaving campus

- Faculty Expectations for Commencement
  o Platform party will only be 4 people
  o No handshakes
  o Hooding may be done by the students themselves

- Merit Raises
  o It is looking like the 5% raise will be unilateral

- Provost’s comments
  o Student opinion surveys?
    ▪ The committee is still working on it

Meeting adjourned 3:38 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Corrin Gillis (Richels), Secretary – Faculty Senate