

Faculty Governance Committee
September 22, 2020, 3:30 p.m.
Virtual – Webex

Agenda

Members Present: Cherry Beasley (vice chair), Sherry Edwards, Rebecca Gonzalez, Joseph Lakatos, Ottis Murray, Carla Rokes (secretary), Aaron Vandermeer (chair)

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of the Minutes of August 25, 2020** (Appendix A in Agenda)
- III. **Approval of the Agenda**
- IV. **Chair Report: Aaron Vandermeer Unfinished Business**
- V. **New Business**
 - a. Update language on election of Senate Chair pro tem (Appendix B in Agenda)
 - b. Reassess division representation on Faculty Senate.
 - c. Assess the authority of a department, college, or faculty body to posit statements of institutional mission, vision, and values, as the prerogative of the faculty
 - d. Procedure for the vacancy election of a Faculty Senate Chair
- VI. **For the Good of the Order**
- VII. **Announcements**
- VIII. **Adjournment**

Appendix B - Update Language on Election of Senate Chair pro tem

Rationale: With the recent passage of a Budget Advisory Committee, whose chairperson serves on the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate but is not a senator, language regarding the selection of a Senate Chair pro tem requires clarification.

Current *Faculty Handbook 2020-2021* language (p.22 Item D):

“D. The Senate Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Senate between its regular meetings. This includes the implementation of Senate-approved policies and procedures. None of these implementing actions shall conflict with actions taken by the Senate. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Chair pro tem of the Faculty Senate from within the Executive Committee to serve as pro tem Chair of the Senate in the absence of the elected Chair. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Chair pro tem of the Faculty Senate from within the Executive Committee to serve as pro tem Chair of the Senate in the absence of the elected Chair.”

Suggested revision:

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