FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
October 23, 2025 – 2:00PM
Magnolia Room, Morris University Center

Minutes – submitted by Christine Simmons

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was called to order at 2:00 pm on Thursday, October 23, 2025 in the Magnolia Room by President Wai Cheah.

Present: **President** Wai Cheah, **Past President** Marcus Agustin, **President-Elect** Sue Wiediger, Igor Crk, Tim Kalinowski, Chrissy Simmons, Gloria Sweida, Kevin Tucker, Amy Winn

Absent: Leah Baecht and Jon Pettibone

Public Comment:
There was no public comment.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – no public comment**

2. **GUESTS**
    a. Mr. Todd Wakeland, Director of Export Controls
        i. Update on what is going to happen at next BoT meeting (December 4th) with 889 policy
            1. 889 policy is part of the CHIPS and Science Act that provides the purchase of AV / Security equipment from companies in China
                a. Four primary companies; many subsidiaries ~200
            2. Must verify purchases each year, policy is part of the certification
                a. Watching Pcards for AV equipment purchase
                    i. Export Control investigates purchase –
                        1. May need to purchase items again – we cannot keep items from these companies
                b. Searches from Export Control are ongoing
                c. Export Control must also certify that vendor/contractors on site are not using AV / Security equipment from companies on the list

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

4. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**
    a. Minutes from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting on October 9, 2025 were approved.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
    a. FS work approval for Program Prioritization (Phase 2) – Professor Tim Kalinowski
        i. Discussion ensued
        ii. Motion approved to bring this document to full senate session on November 6th.

b. UPBC Strategic Plan – Jonathan Pettibone
c. Update on approval to changes to Policy 1Q8 (Implementation and Administrative Responsibility Policy) – February 7, 2025
d. Update on approval to changes to Retired/Emeritus Faculty Policy – May 6, 2025
e. Update on approval to changes to Policy 1C1 (Guidelines for Course Categories, Class Scheduling and Publications) – May 2, 2025
f. Update on approval to changes to Policy 1H1 (General Education Program) – May 2, 2025
g. Update on approval to changes to Policy 1J7 (Student Evaluation of Teaching)
    i. Going to check on this with the Office of the Provost and resubmit if necessary.
h. Program Prioritizations: Phase 2

6. **NEW BUSINESS**
    a. Ombuds reappointment (Dr. Mary Sue Love) – Leah Baecht & Igor Crk
        i. Dr. Love would like to continue in the Ombuds position (reappointment)
        ii. Approved by Welfare and Adjudication Council
        iii. Will be brought to the November 4th Senate Meeting for vote on approval for reappointment

7. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL CHAIRS**
    a. UPBC – Jonathan Pettibone

    b. Budget, Finance and Academic Operations Council – Kevin Tucker

    c. Undergraduate Curriculum Council – Amy Winn
        i. Changemakers 1H1 Policy changes
            1. IS courses to add an experiential learning and then apply to get Changemakers designation
                a. Discussion ensued
                    i. If this changes the IS availability (Lincoln Program) then this should be approved by faculty
                    ii. General concerns that Changemakers is being 'forced' on Faculty
                    iii. Questions on how the IS to Changemakers transitions are being reviewed
            2. Policy 1H1 will be brought to the November 4th Senate Meeting for first reading
            3. Changemakers Fellows slated to visit FSEC on November 13th

    d. Faculty Development Council – Chrissy Simmons
        i. ACCESS has accepted invitation to join FDC as an ex officio (non-voting member)
            1. FDC will update OPs to reflect this addition
        ii. FDC continues planning for the Continuous Improvement Conference
        iii. FDC discussed the impending Digital Accessibility mandate
            1. Concerns over lack of information from the Administration (System) coming to Faculty
            2. Discussion ensued
            3. Going to check on this with the Office of the Provost

e. Governance Council –Tim Kalinowski
    i. Governance Councill voted to keep the questions for the Chancellor/Provost surveys as written last year
    ii. Comments on the survey questions due Friday, October 31st from various groups

f. Welfare and Adjudication Council – Leah Baecht & Igor Crk
    i. Ombuds reappointment was discussed and voted on during the last council meeting
    ii. Honorary degree committee is looking to modify their policies and procedures
        1. More to come on this in upcoming weeks

g. Graduate Council – Gloria Sweida
    i. Chris Slaten, Dean of Graduate School discussed the graduate student survey results
        1. Survey indicated many graduate students are not feeling connected
            a. Started to have open houses, created more spaces and opportunities for congregation
    ii. Application fee for Graduate School admission is waived for attendees of the Open House November 17th, 2025

h. President-Elect – Sue Wiediger
    i. No report

i. Past President – Marcus Agustin
    i. No report

j. President – Wai Hsien Cheah
    i. Follow-up on releasing HLC Report
        1. HLC asked to not circulate the report, Provost is asking for procedure for making available to Faculty
    ii. Program Prioritization Phase 1
        1. Provost indicated that the proper paperwork has been filed and moving Physics to the School of Engineer does not require any additional approvals as the name of the department is not changing
    iii. Changemakers
        1. Provost wants to get the Faculty more involved in Changemakers
        2. Changemakers Fellows will visit FSEC in November.

8. **ADJOURNMENT - 3:16pm**

Next FSEC Meeting will be ***Thursday, November 13, 2025, 2:00pm,*** *in the* ***Magnolia Room, Morris University Center***