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FAEC

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ASB 230

Members Present: President Jim Morley, Jill Weiss, Alex Olbrecht, Jeremy Teigen, Sam Mustafa, Max Goldberg, Eric Hays, Ruma Sen, Elaine Risch, Marcia Sexton (recorder)

1. Approve minutes: Approved

2. Holiday party

After brief discussion, members present decided against having a holiday party. It was suggested that a party at the end of the academic year would be more feasible.

3. Faculty concern for Student culture – President Morley and Councilor Olbrecht

There was brief discussion and reaction to President Mercer's comments at the October 13 Council meeting including the lack of data being presented, no mention of Student Affairs, and no mention of Greek culture's influence on student drinking. The topic of the four day week was also brought up and it was suggested that Executive Council meet with the Executive Board of the local AFT to discuss this possible action by the administration.

**Action item:** President Morley and Councilor Olbrecht will be taking a field trip to Lehigh University to observe how that institution is dealing with student culture and drinking on campus.

4. Committee Creep research reports (each FAEC unit rep was to assemble a. a list of committees particular to one's unit and A. a list of all-college committees - to be collated)

Councilors submitted multiple lists of committees and expressed confusion over the varying scope and purpose of many committees listed. Councilor Weiss reminded members of the redundancy of committees dealing with academic purview.

**Action item:** Councilor Mustafa will collate the list of all-college committees for the October 27 meeting.

5. Progress report-convener support: Councilors Teigen and Weiss

Councilors Teigen and Weiss presented preliminary findings on majors, numbers of students, and convener work load. Discussion ensued on the topics of budgetary impact, use of adjuncts, and combining convening groups.

**Action item:** Councilors Teigen and Weiss will present final proposal for convener support at the October 27 meeting.

6. Prep for FA meeting/President report items

President Morley informed Council of the items for his "fireside chat"/President's Report for the Faculty Assembly. These were 1) governance and the approved Rules of Order, 2) review of the FAEC discussion items, and 3) response/reaction to the State of the College address.

7. Prioritizing the annual agenda

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#### Convener support-top priority

Councilor Goldberg submitted a draft proposal regarding how reassigned time could be 1) publicized, 2) applied for, and 3) organized to allow more support for conveners (closely tied to course release parity). Following suggestions from Council, he will revise the proposal for the October 27 meeting.

#### Online evaluations

President Morley informed Council that online student evaluations are becoming the default assessment method and faculty must expressly request to “opt out” to use paper forms. A brief discussion on response rates and getting students to fill them out without negative enforcement was held.

#### Deans evaluation & hiring procedures

President Morley reported that evaluations of the deans, i.e. online surveys, are complete and there was a tangential discussion regarding the use of these online surveys in contract renewals, hiring practices, and evaluations of the Provost and the President.

#### 8. New business

Councilors participated in a brief discussion/reaction to the grade change rationale and faculty grading authority.

**Action item:** Registrar Cindy Brennen will meet with Executive Council at the October 27 meeting.

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