

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) Minutes
October 17, 2011

Members Present: Dr. Rick Roth, Dr. Rhett Herman, Dr. Pamela Jackson, Dr. Jerry Kopf, Dr. Joe Chase

Members Absent: Dr. Kay K. Jordan

Guests: Dr. Sam Minner

I. Call to Order

- a. Dr. Roth called the meeting to order at 11:02am.

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes from the FSEC meeting on October 10, 2011 were approved.

III. Reports and Announcements

- a. Dr. Roth announced that the Faculty Senate of Virginia would have their meeting Saturday October 29 at James Madison University. Dr. Jerry Kopf plans to attend this meeting to represent the FSEC.
- b. Dr. Sam Minner discussed a number of items with the FSEC including:
 - i. The question came up about the length of service on the internal Governance (IG) committees, whether these should be for 9 months or for 12 months with work in the summer. Dr. Minner said that he thought that 9 months was preferred and reasonable. If committees had work that would require summer meetings then committees could simply make reasonable allowances, especially allowing for alternates to sit in for the committee members who could not attend in the summer.
 - ii. Dr. Minner will take whatever motions the Faculty Senate passes to the Board of Visitors, even if he does not necessarily agree with those motions.
 - iii. Dr. Minner discussed the 2010-2011 Senate motion regarding the new Faculty Annual Report submission dates. He and the FSEC decided to not send this to the BOV since this concept was put in a Senate committee charge at the start of this academic year.
 - iv. Dr. Minner discussed the 2010-2011 Senate “academic freedom” motion. He said that he was personally in favor of this in general, but that a Supreme Court decision relevant to this motion gave him pause. That case is known by “Garcetti vs. Ceballos.” Dr. Minner said that he personally disagreed with the Supreme Court on their decision in this case but that it was now the law that had to be followed. He asked if he could hold off taking this to the BOV until he had a chance to run his by the Virginia Attorney General’s office. The FSEC supported this action.
 - v. Dr. Minner asked for FSEC and any other input on two major issues. These are how to increase the level of resources for RU in general, as well as how to increase the quality of RU. No specifics were offered at this time.

IV. Old Business

- a. The FSEC approved the placement of Dr. Basel Saleh as the COBE representative on the Senate Curriculum Committee.

V. New Business

- a. The FSEC discussed the schedule for the upcoming Faculty Senate meetings. It was decided that meetings would be held on November 3, November 17 and December 8.

VI. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.