



MINUTES OF THE MEETING: November 14, 2011

PRESENT: B. Allison, J. Garret, J. Gomez, G. Kostrzewa, G. Peterson, V. Prabhu,
P. Semrau, M. Wallace, D. Weaver, H. Xu, H. Yu

EXCUSED ABSENCE: K. Karimlou, D. Oh

V. Prabhu, FiPC Chair, convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

1. Announcements
None.

2. Intent to Raise Questions
The Fiscal Policy Committee announced the intent to raise a question of the Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Financial Officer:

Faculty have learned that the Administration has elected to use Moodle versus updating Blackboard as instructional software. What are the fiscal implications, faculty time and labor, and who made the decision to the switch?

3. Liaison Report

G. Peterson reported as follow:

The Executive has met on three occasions since the last FiPC meeting on October 24, 2011.

The following items were discussed:

- Steering
Committee being reinvigorated to being the process of General Education revision.
- Executive
Committee met with K. Clapp, Director of Office with Students with Disabilities, and she will be invited to attend a Senate meeting.
- Executive
Committee discussed with President Rosser, Provost Vaidya, and the other Vice Presidents the advising plan, capacity of new GET roll-out, degree plans and GET.
- Executive
Committee finalized letter to Provost Vaidya in regards to cuts to Senate budgets.
- Faculty
affected by International Travel Restrictions, referred policies on student internships and field trips for Education Policy Committee to review in light of new Executive Orders, and Faculty Handbook revisions.
- A. Gonzalez,
Dean Undergraduate Studies, will present report on Early Start Program.
- Permanent
Library Faculty Evaluation Policy.

4. Approval of the Agenda (FiPC 11-02)
M/s/p (G. Peterson) to approve the agenda as submitted.
5. Approval of the Minutes (FiPC 11-01)
M/s/p (G. Peterson) to approve the minutes as submitted.
6. Budget Process
 - 6.1 The Committee members discussed and finalized questions to be sent to Provost Vaidya for the Time Certain confirmed for November 28, 2011. Chair V. Prabhu will forward finalized document.
 - 6.2 Review 2011/12 Final Budget Guidelines
The Committee reviewed the current Fiscal Year Budget Guidelines and would like to inquire to the Academic Senate the role of FiPC in making recommendation to the Executive Committee prior to the approval of Academic Affairs Budget. G. Peterson, Executive Committee Liaison will send a memo with the inquiry to N. Hunt, Academic Senate Chair.

Item agendaized for next meeting.
7. Moodle
The Committee continues to discuss the areas of concerns with the switch from Blackboard to Moodle as instructional software. Among some of the elements of concern are: fiscal implication, faculty time and labor, and who made the decision of the switch?

An invitation for Time Certain will be extended to P. Quan, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Financial Office, for the next FiPC meeting to respond to some of the Committee's concerns.
8. Adjournment
M/s/p (B. Allison) to adjourn at 11:05 a.m.