



Report of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)

April 11, 2025

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### **FSEC Activities**

FSEC met on March 28, arranging the agenda for today's Senate meeting and receiving updates on Senate standing committee activities. The President and Provost provided updates about several campus activities, including the launch of the University Advancement leadership search and the announcement of the Commencement speaker and honorary degree recipients.

The President and Provost also provided updates on federal actions impacting higher education, and the group engaged in an extensive discussion around how best to support the university community in light of these actions.

The executive committee reviewed upcoming vacancies in Senate standing committee chairships. These need to be filled as soon as possible in order to proceed with building committee rosters for the coming session. The Senate office is available to answer any questions about the responsibilities this work entails and the support the office can provide to committee chairs. Every Senate standing committee must be chaired by a current Senate member; committees are also staffed with co-chairs who can be non-Senate members.

Immediately following its March meeting, FSEC met to discuss a tenure-and-promotion nonconcurrency delivered by the Provost. FSEC has delivered its recommendation on the case to the Provost.

### **Outgoing Chair Reflections**

As I conclude my tenure as FSEC chair, I want to begin (as I did in my incoming reflections) by thanking my colleagues---in FSEC, the Faculty Senate more broadly, and in the wider university community---for their active engagement and collaboration, and for their deep and abiding commitment to our students, our research and scholarship, and to the health of the university more generally.

When I agreed to take on the role of FSEC chair, I thought it would be a good time to do this, for two reasons. We were welcoming a new President to the University, and I looked forward to collaborating with her to take the institution forward. And, in contrast to some other moments, it looked to be a relatively calm time at the University. The first was correct; the second, not so much.

Despite the times, and the myriad challenges that have come with them, it has been a pleasure to work with all of you. And I look forward to continuing to do so as a member of the Senate.

### **Personnel Actions**

There is one active grievance at the university; the parties have moved to mediation.

## **Calendar**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee is April 25, 2025. Draft resolutions and any other possible Senate agenda items should be forwarded to Liz Carlson in the Senate office as soon as possible, ideally by April 18, 2025. The next regularly scheduled Faculty Senate meeting—the first of the 2025-2026 Senate session—is May 9, 2025.