Highlights from Tuesday's Faculty Senate regular meeting  
(10/7/14)

Reports
The Faculty Senate heard reports from Speaker of the Faculty Todd McNerney and Interim Provost Brian McGee.

Dean of the North Campus Godfrey Gibbison discussed the importance of the North Campus and updated the Senate on the challenges of implementing the Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS) program. Lengthy Q&A followed on the BPS and on the proposed School of Professional Studies.

The Senate approved changes to the African Studies Minor, changes to the Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education concentrations of the Teacher Education major, changes to EDEE 327 (Learner Development and the Context of Learning) and EDFS 303 (Human Growth and Education Process), and two new courses, EDFS 200 & 300 (both Special Topics in Education).

Hollis France, for the Campus Climate Survey Committee, gave a report detailing the upcoming meetings and events to share, discuss, and develop action items out of the survey results and the timeline for implementing and assessing action initiatives over the course of 2015.

New Business
The Senate approved for General Education status the following courses.

Social Science
URST 320: Town and County Planning
URST 360: Land Use Law
URST 399: Special Topics

Humanities
URST 398 - Special Topics
The Senate, after lengthy debate and discussion, approved motions to add adjunct faculty representation to 1) the Faculty Welfare Committee, Faculty Advisory Committee to the President, and the Faculty Compensation Committee and 2) the Faculty Senate.

The Senate also began discussion of a resolution to support Student Government Resolution SR-10-2014 and to urge the consideration of adding the President of Student Government Association to the Board of Trustees, but, due to time constraints, voted to postpone further deliberation of this resolution until the November meeting.

For outlines, presentations, motions, and other supporting documents, see the Faculty Senate website.

Expect detailed minutes to be posted on the website and announced via email by Tuesday, Oct. 21.

Respectfully submitted,

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