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Faculty Senate Agenda – January 22, 2019

- **In Attendance:** Amal Dass, Beth Ann Fennelly, Brad Jones, Caecilia Parks, Cole Stevens, Corina Petrescu, Dennis Bunch, Evangeline W. Robinson, Jeff Pickerd, Jennifer Gifford, Jeremy Clark, John Schuesselin, Kathleen Fuller, KoFan Lee, Kristin Rogers, Kyle Fritz, Marilyn Mendolia, Mary Roseman, Matt Bondurant, Meagen Rosenthal, Michael Barnett, Nancy Wicker, Phillis George, René Pulliam, Robert Van Ness, Simone Delerme, Stuart Haines, Sumali Conlon, , Tejas Pandya, Tess Lefmann, Thomas Peattie, Vivian Ibrahim, Kimberly Kaiser, Ana Velitchkova, Le'Trice Donaldson, Lei Cao, Laura Prior, Chalet Tan, Breese Quinn, Susan Allen, Stephen Monroe, Brice Noonan, Aileen Ajootian, Carolyn Higdon, Zachary Kagan Guthrie, Tamara Warhol, Andy Cheng,
- **Substitutions:** Adam Pate (Stuart Haines), (Kathleen Fuller)
- **Absent:** Byung Jang, Cristie Ellis, April Holm, Stacey Lantagne, John Berns, Fei Lan, Roy Thurston, Laura Prior

- **Call Meeting to Order**
 - 6:00 called to order
- **Approval of December 4, 2018 Minutes**
 - Motion: Corina Petrescu
 - Second: Brad Jones
 - Discussion
 - None
 - Vote: All in favor
- **Dr. Noel Wilkin (Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor):** Dr. Wilkin will address the Senate's resolution of December 2018 regarding Academic Freedom and provide other updates.
 - Brice note: Dr. Sparks to come to Feb meeting
 - Re December Faculty Senate Resolution:
 - As an individual and a member of this community of scholars, thank you for your affirmation of these principles and we in administration stand with you in this affirmation. These principles are essential if we are to develop knowledge.

- Many of our policies within the institution are based upon these very principles which you call out in the resolution.
 - Updates: Flagship constellations and M-Partner
 - There is an interest in continuing these endeavors
 - The Interim Chancellor has asked the Provost to work with Josh Gladden and Katrina Caldwell and their constituents to determine how to best move forward so that the maximal benefit can be achieved.
 - Questions:
 - Q: What if anything is known about process or timeframe for finding a new Chancellor?
 - A: My impression is that the IHL is not in a hurry to start that process. They want to get it right. I am also certain that they will be seeking feedback. And we will be working with the Senate Chair to relay that feedback. Once we get some additional news on the process we will let you know.
- **Dr. Bob Baker (Senior Associate Athletic Director, Student-Athlete Development):** Dr. Baker will update the Senate on his work to ensure the academic success of student-athletes at UM.
 - Has been on campus for about 7 weeks
 - Student athlete updates:
 - 2nd highest GPA in recorded history
 - Highest cumulative department GPA to date
 - Working with staff on structure and communication to help students to be continually successful
 - 21 December graduates
 - 13 Rebel Reconnect graduates – students who left to play pro, but have since come back
 - Question:
 - Q: Why does the NCAA make student transfers so complicated, when they claim they want to treat all students equal?
 - A: That is a good observation, and they do make it more difficult. However, we do have the option of writing waivers as needed.
 - Majors:

- Most are general studies, freshmen studies, general business, exercise science, sports and recreation administration
 - Very diverse group of students – something to be proud of
 - Attendance policy:
 - Every school has to have a comprehensive policy to address student athlete absences
 - We have just revised our attendance policy to provide a clear outline of consequences for too many absences.
 - Currently employ class checkers (student workers)
 - We also rely on mid-term and final faculty reports
 - Please complete the “Grades First” progress reports if you receive them because they are very helpful to our ability to assist students in need.
 - Questions:
 - Q: I use the scanners to do my attendance and there are many student athletes without IDs, can you fix that?
 - A: We can do something about that. What is the process for getting a new ID?
 - F/U: It costs \$30.
- **Committee Reports**
 - Academic Instructional Affairs (Corina Petrescu)
 - Nothing to report
 - Academic Conduct (Vivian Ibrahim)
 - Nothing to report
 - Finance & Benefits (Phillis George)
 - Nothing to report
 - Development & Planning (Mary Roseman)
 - Nothing to report
 - Governance (April Holm)
 - Nothing to report
 - Research & Creative Achievement (Thomas Peattie)
 - Nothing to report
 - University Services (Brad Jones)
 - Nothing to report

- Executive Committee (Brice Noonan)
 - Promise to bring A+ report for our next meeting

- **Old Business**
 - None

- **New Business**
 - None

- **Adjournment**
 - Motion Vivian Ibrahim
 - Second Corina Petrescu
 - Vote: all in favor