Faculty Senate Talking Points, March 2, 2021:

- Welcome to Patti Heath! Patti is currently supporting Faculty Senate and we thank her in advance for all her help, including managing our Zoom meetings.

- Updates on visits to Faculty Senate: next week we will welcome Teresa Koeppel, the Chief Marketing Officer and Executive Director for University Communications and Marketing. Please reach out to your constituents to gather any questions they have for Teresa and send them to Barb.

- COVID-19 update: last week, of 800 COVID tests 7.61% were positive. This increase is confined to specific groups – two Greek living groups and one campus housing group are currently in isolation. We are monitoring the situation and we will keep everyone updated.

- Senate endorsed the Staff Compensation Committee recommendations for the allocation of Change in Employee Compensation (CEC) funds for Fiscal Year 2022. See attachment 2 in this meeting binder for details.

- There was a discussion on the “Statement of Faculty Values” drafted by FSL in collaboration with FAC, see attachment 4 in this meeting binder. The purpose is to state our values and responsibilities as scholars and educators, such as seeking the truth from evidence, critical thinking, and respectful discourse. There was a consensus to give people time for a more informed discussion including timing issues and consideration of the legislative climate in our state.

- Provost Lawrence presented a draft of what could be called a list of guiding principles (see attachment 5 in this meeting binder). It is not meant to be a response to a particular event. They are high-level points of how we engage with one another while working within our legislative and political system.

Important dates:

- The deadline to request delay for promotion and/or tenure is March 14, 2021.

- Nominations for Honorary degrees for the December 2021 commencement are due April 15, 2021.

- Sabbatical applications for the 2022-2023 year are due March 31.

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