Faculty Senate Talking Points: March 24, 2020:

• Everyone is encouraged to share problems/concerns (for instance, faculty challenges in delivering classes, advising, and carrying out their other duties) with a member of Faculty Staff Leadership. One member of FSL will attend the COVID-19 daily response calls and can transmit those concerns.

• President Green, Provost Wiencek, and Mr. Nelson elucidated the rationale and the scope of COVID-19 Virus Emergency Response Policy, FSH 6990. Its main purpose is to allow some latitude for the administration to act quickly in response to COVID-19. It cannot overwrite Regents’ policy and it is not an expansion of the President’s power beyond the scope of FSH 1460 C-3. Transparent communication with faculty, staff, and students will continue.

• To increase flexibility in this challenging situation, discussions are currently going on about moving to a P/F grading option and extending the deadline for a student to withdraw from a course.

• A budget update was provided by Vice President Brian Foisy and Budget Director Trina Mahoney.

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