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The Committee discussed a Resolution received from Student Government regarding the use of multiple course management systems and how this is confusing for students. Student Government Graduate Student Galen Crawford addressed Executive Committee to present the student perspective. Students would prefer that only one course management system be utilized on campus. Members of Executive Committee expressed that due to limitations in each system, it was often necessary to use multiple systems to effectively disseminate materials. The Committee will forward the item to the Information Technology Committee for input.

CATS Policies - **#22** on the Mac OS X Licensing and **#21** on Microsoft Forefront Endpoint Protection were forwarded to the Information Technology Committee for consideration prior to the Executive Committee meeting because of their low impact on faculty. Information Technology made recommendations at their meeting on February 11, 2011.

The Course Numbering Policy continues to be an ongoing discussion item, with the Department of Biomedical, Industrial, and Human Factors Engineering maintaining their stance to refrain from only utilizing a "0" as the fourth digit. Various scenarios were discussed. The Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee will likely return any courses that do not comply with "0" as the fourth digit to the department for correction, which will contribute to the delay in approval of courses, programs, and student advising. Should this scenario occur, it would be up to the department to respond in a manner appropriate for resolving the issue.

A charge to UCAPC and Graduate Council regarding the fourth digit of semester numbers was developed and forwarded:
> Create a rational numbering system for the fourth digit of semester course numbers so that digit will have universal meaning across colleges and schools for Faculty Senate consideration within the next calendar year.

RSCOB Executive Committee representative, Carole Endres, updated the committee on the progress of the Faculty Affairs Committee toward creating a workload policy for non-bargaining unit faculty members. Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, Sue Terzian, is coordinating committee work with Henry Limouze, Associate Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs, to achieve an equitable solution. Discussions are ongoing.

Senate Executive Committee discussed the Free Speech document. While the Office of General Counsel responded that they had no comment on the document, the WSU Police Department did not comment by the requested February 21 deadline. The committee has placed a portion of the document on the Senate Agenda for the March 7, 2011 meeting for comment/action from Senate.

Based on concerns expressed by a Senator at the February 2011 Senate meeting regarding WSU's low score on technology and web accessibility for sight impaired students in a December 17, 2010 Chronicle of Higher Education article, the Executive Committee will ask the IT Committee to investigate WSU's ranking.

Finally, Executive Committee approved the Agenda for the March 7, 2011 Senate meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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