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1. Associate Provost Tom Sudkamp gave an overview of his report on Student Success. The President, Provost, Council of Deans, and Senate Executive Committee received the report electronically following the meeting. A more comprehensive report will be given at the Faculty Senate meeting in November.
2. The Executive Committee was asked to consider including administrators from the Provost's Office in the regular Executive Committee meetings. The Executive Committee preferred to invite administrators on an as-needed basis.
3. The Executive Committee revisited the report and recommendations made by the Ad hoc Free Speech Committee last year on free speech. Most EC members felt that the ad hoc committee went outside the scope of their charge and that the document needed to come into alignment with the Supreme Court decision in Garcetti vs. Ceballos.
4. The Executive Committee approved replacing Dave Reynolds as Senate Representative (2011-13) to Athletics Council with Dennis Hance, Lake Campus. This was based on the election of Dave Reynolds by the College of Engineering and Computer Science as their representative to Athletics Council; hence, making him ineligible to serve as the Senate Representative to Athletics Council. Dennis Hance agreed to serve.
5. The Executive Committee considered a Student Resolution on Course Management Systems last year and declined to bring it forward to Faculty Senate, but is reconsidering the resolution at the request of Student Government. Galen Crawford from Student Government will be invited to discuss the issue with Executive Committee at either its November or January meeting.
6. The Executive Committee declined to take action on the unfilled Senate and Executive Committee seats for SOPP.
7. The Executive Committee discussed the issue of department chairs serving on Senate committees and will consider creating a short written policy as the Faculty Constitution only briefly addresses the issue.
8. The Senate Executive Committee approved the November 7, 2011 Faculty Senate Agenda.