

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes April 3, 2013

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The Chair:

- The President and Provost will not attend today.
- The agenda for this meeting is to discuss and vote on three items:

- Name Change of the Department of Gynecology-Obstetrics to Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Holding classes on Labor Day.
- Holding classes on religious holidays.

1. Department Name Change:

The FSEC voted unanimously to approve changing the name of the *Department of Gynecology-Obstetrics* to the *Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology*

2. Holding classes on Labor Day

During the consideration of introducing Winter sessions other changes to the academic calendars were also considered. It was proposed that classes be held on Labor Day. However there are already three floating holydays where only two are allowed, and it is not advisable to attempt to introduce a fourth one. The discussion involved some UUP representatives who argued in favor of not holding classes on Labor Day

The FSEC voted as follows:

**7 in favor of holding classes on Labor Day
12 against holding classes on Labor Day**

3. Holding Classes on Religious Holidays

During the consideration of introducing Winter sessions other changes to the academic calendars were also considered. It was proposed that classes be held on Religious Holidays. The discussion noted that the affected Holidays are Yum Kippur and Rash Shana. It was argued that Christmas should be considered as a religious Holiday, but some felt that it is more of a secular Holiday. It was suggested that the University be "Religion Neutral" especially that there are more than 600 registered religions in the United States.

The FSEC voted as follows:

**13 in favor of holding classes on Religious Holidays
6 against holding classes on Religious Holidays**

Therefore, FSEC will recommend to the President that the status of Labor Day be maintained as is and that no classes are to be held on Labor Day. It will also be recommended that classes be held on Religious Holidays.

4. Old/New Business - none reported

5. Adjournment

Prepared by

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