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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #21**  
**February 5, 2018**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM on Monday, February 5, 2018, in Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Conley presiding. Senators Derbyshire, Gindy, Leonard, Mahler, and Rice were present.
2. Minutes from FSEC meeting #20, January 29, 2018 were approved.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**
  - a. Chairperson Conley reported on his and Vice Chairperson Leonard's meeting with the President of January 30.
  - b. The FSEC reviewed agenda items for the upcoming meeting of the Chair and Vice Chair with the Provost.
  - c. The FSEC reviewed upcoming meeting dates.
  - d. The FSEC reviewed the status of the solicitation of nominees for the position of 2018-19 Vice Chair-Chair Elect.
4. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
  - a. The FSEC discussed the planned new URI website as presented to the Committee on January 29 by Mr. John Pennypacker, Manager of Web Communications. The Committee agreed to communicate questions to Mr. Pennypacker and invite him to return for another meeting because the January 29 meeting had been adjourned before he had completed his presentation. The FSEC wanted to know how faculty were currently involved in the decision-making process regarding web content, what policies have guided the office of Web Communications/Communications and Marketing in the design of the URI website, and how the website was designed to facilitate the work of URI faculty and staff (existing employees). Committee members expressed concern that the perspective of academic affairs had not been incorporated into the URI website and that shared governance would dictate that faculty concerns be more fully considered. Chairperson Conley said that he would follow up with Mr. Pennypacker.
  - b. The FSEC discussed the formation of the ad hoc committee to define non-credit credentials. Additional faculty members were suggested. Chairperson Conley said that

he would follow up.

- c. Chairperson Conley informed the Committee that the standing committee brochures, designed to summarize the duties of the new Senate committees, were complete and that he would distribute them to the FSEC. He said that a subcommittee of FSEC members would meet on February 13 to draft training guidelines for the new committee chairs.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. The FSEC discussed the motion from the January 25 Faculty Senate meeting to engage in a discussion with the administration about increasing Senate Executive Committee stipends to reflect the hard work required of the positions. Current remuneration was reviewed: \$1000 for each of 6 members in fund 100 operating; an additional \$2500 for the Vice Chair and \$5000 for the Chair in fund 100 operating. Senator Rice suggested that those rates had been in place possibly since the 1980's. Chairperson Conley said that those rates, in 2018 dollars, would equate to: \$2857 for each of 6 members, \$7141 for the Vice Chair and \$14,283 for the Chair. The Committee agreed to discuss that matter with the Provost.
- b. Senator Rice updated the Committee regarding the work of the task force on performance funding. He had been charged with drafting a "Statement of Common Principles," in collaboration with Dr. Erik Christiansen of Rhode Island College, for the 3 state institutions that would preface the Performance Metrics Document. He shared the statement with the Committee. Discussion followed. Senator Rice underscored the need, throughout this effort, to reinforce the differences between the Community College of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the University of Rhode Island, the latter being the state's principal research institution and the state's only Land Grant and Sea Grant institution.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff