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FACULTY SENATE TRANSITION

Organizational Meeting of the Newly Constituted 2021-2022 Faculty Senate

May 13, 2021, 3:00pm via [Zoom](#)

ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Agenda

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Outgoing Senate President Echevarria
2. **DISPOSITION OF MINUTES** of the [April 29, 2021 Faculty Senate meeting](#)
3. **REPORT OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
 - a. Announcements – Outgoing President Echevarria
 - i. Results of the referendum of the General Faculty to amend the Constitution and modify the Faculty Senate membership and apportionment system
 - b. [Report from the Nominating Committee](#) and election to fill vacancies on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee – Outgoing Senator Morokoff
 - i. One vacancy for a one-year term on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee
 1. Nominations from Senate Floor
 2. Election
 3. Report of results of election for one-year term
 - ii. Two vacancies for two-year terms on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee
 1. Nominations from Senate Floor
 2. Election
 3. Report of results of election for two-year terms
 - c. Activities of the Executive Committee – Incoming President Cardany
 - i. [Minutes of Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meetings](#)
 - ii. Revision to dates for Faculty Senate AY21-22 meetings
 1. [Dates approved by Faculty Senate on March 18, 2021](#)
 2. [Proposed revision](#)
 - iii. Welcoming remarks: Incoming Senate President Cardany

4. AWARDS AND HONORS

- a. General Education Award – Director, Office of Innovation in General Education DiCioccio
- b. Senate Faculty Awards – President Dooley
- c. Senate Awards
 - i. Fritz Wenisch Award for Exceptional Contributions to the Faculty Senate - Outgoing President Echevarria
 - ii. Sheila Black Grubman Faculty Outstanding Service Award - Provost DeHayes
- d. Faculty Senate Executive Committee proposed resolution – Outgoing President Echevarria

5. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- a. Announcements
- b. Status of Actions Forwarded to the President after April 29, 2021
 - i. Bill #20-21-39 Recommendation of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Revisions to Senate Membership, University Manual Constitution Articles III, IV, V
 - ii. Bill #20-21-40 Recommendation of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Revisions to Senate Membership, University Manual By-Laws, Sections 2.1 - 2.2
 - iii. Bill #20-21-42 Recommendation of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Revisions to University Manual Section 8.27.22
 - iv. Bill #20-21-43 Joint Report of the Curriculum and Standards Committee and Graduate Council Report #2020-21-3 to the Faculty Senate: Accelerated Bachelors / Masters Programs
 - v. Resolution #R-20-21-1 Academic Calendar Subcommittee, Curriculum and Standards Committee, supporting Juneteenth being an official holiday
 - vi. Resolution #R-20-21-2 from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, supporting a commitment to anti-racism

6. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Board of Trustees - Margo Cook, Chair and Thomas Ryan, Trustee
- b. Marc Parlange - 12th President of the University of Rhode Island

7. REPORTS

- a. Constitution, By-Laws, and University Manual Committee - Outgoing Senator Hicks, Outgoing Chair

Second reading and vote on proposed changes to the By-Laws: [Gender neutrality](#)

- b. Faculty Senate Executive Committee and Academic Calendar Committee - Incoming Faculty Senate President Cardany and Senator Meyerson, Academic Calendar Committee Chair

As per Section 3.2 of the Faculty Senate By-Laws, the incoming Faculty Senate President will work in collaboration with the Chair of the Academic Calendar Committee to provide public explanation, via an Op-Ed submitted to the Providence Journal, about the April 29, 2021 Faculty Senate resolution in support of the designation of Juneteenth as an official federal and state holiday.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Passing of the gavel and resolution - Outgoing President Echevarria and Incoming President Cardany

10. ADJOURNMENT