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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #27**  
**April 2, 2018**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM on Monday, April 2, 2018, in Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Conley presiding. Senators Derbyshire, Gindy, Leonard, Mahler, and Rice were present. Vice Chair-elect Senator Nassersharif was also present.
2. Approval of minutes from FSEC meeting #26, March 26, 2018 was tabled until later in the meeting.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**
  - a. The Committee was reminded that today was the deadline for nominations for the Sheila Black Grubman Faculty Outstanding Service Award and that the Committee would be responsible for reviewing the submissions and selecting a recipient by mid-April.
  - b. The Committee reviewed agenda items for the upcoming meeting of the Chair and Vice Chair meeting with Provost scheduled for April 5.
  - c. The Committee was informed that Senator DiCioccio, Director of General Education, had asked to present the General Education Innovation Award at the May 3 Faculty Senate meeting.
  - d. Chairperson Conley indicated that he was still working on appointments to the ad hoc committee to consider a new learning management system to replace SAKAI.
  - e. The Chair and Vice Chair reported on their meeting of March 27 with the President.
4. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
  - a. The FSEC discussed its concerns about the authority of the Faculty Senate in the governance of the responsibilities of the Graduate Faculty and the Graduate School in general and matters carried out by the Graduate Council in particular. The FSEC reviewed University Manual language particularly sections **4.70.10 - 4.70.12** and **4.71.10- 4.71.11**. The FSEC discussed the succession of authority as stated in University Manual section **5.65.30**, “The Graduate Council, acting on behalf of the Graduate Faculty and subject to the referendum power of the Graduate Faculty and to the stated powers of the Senate, the President, and the RI Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, shall exercise the following powers...” The Committee questioned whether or not all of the responsibilities connected to Graduate Faculty were being fulfilled. The Committee decided to review all pertinent University Manual passages for

compliance with the understanding that some statements might simply be out of date.  
Discussion followed.

5. Minutes from FSEC meeting #26, March 26, 2018 were approved as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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