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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #31
April 30, 2018
MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:12 PM on Monday, April 23, 2018, in Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Conley presiding. Senators Derbyshire, Gindy, Leonard, Mahler, and Rice were present. Vice Chairperson-elect, Senator Nassersharif, was also in attendance.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

Senator Rice provided FSEC members with an update on the Faculty Senate Coordinator search. Interviews of 5 candidates were scheduled for May 8 and May 9.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Dr. Daniel Graney, Dean of Students, joined the meeting at 1:15 PM to present proposed revisions to the Student Handbook prepared by the URI Office of Community Standards and the Students Rights and Responsibilities Committee (SR&R). Dr. Graney said that the biennial handbook review and update was behind schedule by one year. Most of the proposed changes were intended to comply with Title IX regulations. The institution had engaged the services of a consultant, Ms. Claire Hall, J.D., who specializes in higher education compliance. Dr. Graney explained the edits to the draft of the handbook that had been provided to FSEC members in advance of the meeting. He said that the SR&R Committee was recommending a change to the composition of Conduct Board hearing panels, reducing the membership to one faculty member, one staff member, and one student. Senator Leonard said that the FSEC would review the draft in greater detail over the summer and possibly present changes to the Faculty Senate in September.
- b. At the April 19 Faculty Senate meeting, the Senate had authorized the FSEC to act on behalf of the Senate and approve undergraduate general education courses between April 20 and May 18, 2018, once approved by the General Education Committee. The FSEC was asked to review and vote on ASL 101 American Sign Language I, ASL 102 American Sign Language II, BPS 205G The Challenged Brain, and CMB 211 Integrative Microbiology. BPS 205G and CMB 211 were approved. Senator Mahler noted that the proposal forms for ASL 101 and ASL 102 stated that there was no overlap with other courses. She said that there was overlap with CMD 175 Gestural Communication. Ms. Neff said that she would follow up and rectify the claim.

4. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a. At the April 19 Faculty Senate meeting, the Senate had approve the formation of an ad hoc committee to develop committee training materials associated with the new standing

committees of the Senate and work with the new committee chairs over the summer (2018). Senators Conley and Leonard volunteered to be part of this ad hoc committee. Other names were suggested. Senator Leonard said that she would follow up with the others. The FSEC discussed the plans to help launch the new committees.

- b.** The FSEC discussed its concerns about the authority of the Faculty Senate over matters considered by the Graduate Council. The FSEC noted that the administration has not adhered to certain procedures as stipulated in the University Manual, the Constitution of the Faculty Senate, and in Rhode Island state law (§16-32-10). The FSEC indicated that it would pursue that matter for clarity and efficiency.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff