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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #8**  
**October 2, 2017**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM on Monday, October 2, 2017, in Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Conley presiding. Senators Derbyshire, Gindy, Leonard, Mahler, and Rice were present.
2. Minutes from FSEC meeting #7, September 25, 2017 were not available.
3. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
  - a. The FSEC discussed the standing committee restructuring proposal before the Senate. Chairperson Conley indicated that there was interest from the Senate in developing a third model for populating the proposed new committees with new structure. The third model would combine the two proposed models: on a 6-faculty-member committee with two faculty vacancies to be filled each year, one member would be solicited from the Senate; the second member would be elected through a University-wide election process carried out in April of the year. Process contingencies were discussed. It was suggested that a Senator may start committee service in any of the three years of his/her Senate term and may continue committee service beyond the end of his/her Senate term. It was suggested that a sitting Senator may run for the elected vacancy on a committee. Discussion followed about the recommendations to the Senate planned for the October 19 Faculty Senate meeting: changes to the basic committee structure as stated in By-Laws 4.13 – 4.16, descriptions of the new committees, and the 3 proposed models for populating committees.
4. Professor DiCioccio, Director of Innovation in General Education, joined the meeting at 9:28 AM. She reported on the first year in the role as Director. She reported that the AACU (Association of American Colleges & Universities) 2017 Institute on General Education and Assessment, attended last May 31 to June 2 by herself and a group of others from URI that she had invited, had been a valuable experience. The Office of Innovation in General Education has worked with the Office for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and the General Education Committee to offer faculty workshops and establish mentors to assist with proposal development. The Director indicated that the goal was to engage faculty and offer them support. She reported that the General Education website had been launched at the beginning of the semester. It hosts resources for both faculty and students including lists of available courses for General Education credit. The listings would be updated twice a semester. Director DiCioccio reported that a shortage of courses existed in the following outcomes:

C2 - Develop and exercise global responsibilities  
C3 - Develop and exercise diversity and inclusion responsibilities  
D1- Integrate and apply  
G- Grand Challenge

Workshops were designed to encourage the development of courses that assessed these outcomes. Director DiCioccio reported that assessment of the General Education Program was in the second year of Phase I. Data were being collected from courses that assessed C3 - Develop and exercise diversity and inclusion responsibilities, B1 – Write effectively, and A1-STEM. Director DiCioccio reported that a second General Education course fair for students was planned for October 18. The Director was asked to provide a presentation to the Faculty Senate at the November 16 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff