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FACULTY SENATE OFFICE

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #4
July 6, 2016**

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, in Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Sullivan presiding. Senators Byrd, Leonard, and Tsiatas were present. Senators Conley and Mahler were absent.
2. Minutes of FSEC Meeting #3, June 29, 2016 were approved.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**
 - a. Chairperson Sullivan reported that the Streamlining Steering Committee (convened to address Goal 5 of the Academic Strategic Plan) had met twice.
 - b. Chairperson Sullivan noted his upcoming meeting with the President and proposed discussion items for that meeting.
4. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
 - a. The FSEC discussed the post-Senate legislative process and the frequent delays in the approval of program proposals at the level of the Office of the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education. Chairperson Sullivan also noted that there is often a lack of adherence to Section 10.1 of the University Manual regarding the disposition of Senate actions (presidential approval within three weeks of passage by the Senate).
 - b. The FSEC discussed the role of non tenure track faculty relative to the business of the Faculty Senate and as applicable to service on Senate committees.
 - c. The FSEC discussed the agenda for the September 15 Faculty Senate Welcome and Training/Orientation event. Suggested discussion items included an overview of the issues in the year ahead, shared governance at URI, and effective Senate membership. Senator Leonard suggested developing a survey to ask Senators what they would like to achieve as a result of Senate participation. FSEC members were asked to consider a title to announce the event and attract attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff