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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #11
September 26, 2016
MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM on Monday, September 26, 2016, in Swan 154, Vice Chairperson Conley presiding. Senators Byrd, Leonard, Mahler, and Tsiatas were present. Chairperson Sullivan was absent.
2. Minutes from FSEC meeting #10, September 19, 2016 were approved as amended.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

Committee members reviewed the proceedings of the September 22 Faculty Senate meeting.

4. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a. The FSEC discussed multiple issues associated with committees of the Senate and joint committees including committee charges, membership, the role of administrators, *ex officio* membership, *de facto* membership, and the difficulty engaging new faculty. Vice Chairperson Conley indicated that he is considering new models for committee structure and function. Discussion followed.
- b. The FSEC discussed program assessment and the plan to assess the new General Education Program. The role of the faculty subcommittee on General Education Assessment (SAGE) was reviewed. Discussion followed.

The meeting was recessed at 10:50 AM and members proceeded to Green Hall to meet with President Dooley.

5. The meeting was resumed in the President's Conference Room, Green Hall. President Dooley joined the meeting at 11:05 AM. Executive Committee members introduced themselves to the President.
 - a. Vice Chairperson Conley asked the President for an update on the status of Rhode Island's performance-based funding. The President reported that the general assembly had passed [June 2016] and the governor had signed [August 2016] the bill relating to performance incentive funding [S2392, The Performance Incentive Funding Act of 2016]. He added that the statute requires that each public institution of higher education work with the Postsecondary Council to develop metrics that would be used to measure areas

of interest to the legislature including graduation rates and the number of degrees awarded that are tied to Rhode Island's high wage, high demand occupations. Each institution would be permitted to define a set of metrics consistent with its individual mission. The progress that URI made prior to passage of the legislation has been recognized. No negative financial impact is anticipated; performance-based funds would augment URI's base funding. Failure to meet the metrics, although not anticipated, would result in the development of a plan for improvement. The President said that the statute also requires that the Commissioner develop a proposal for a funding formula for calculating the budgetary needs of the public institutions. Development of the formula is ongoing.

- b.** The President was asked about state bond issues on the ballot for the 2016 general election. He said that Question 4 is a \$45.5 million bond referendum: \$25.5 million to renovate Bliss Hall (phase II of the College of Engineering project) and \$20 million for a URI research and development center. A print, radio, and possibly television campaign to promote support of Question 4 will start in early October. When asked about other capital projects, the President said that the multi-year plan to renovate the URI Fine Arts Center would rely on Rhode Island Capital Plan (RICAP) funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff