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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #12**  
**October 3, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM on Monday, October 3, 2016, in Library Conference Room B by Senator Byrd. Senators Leonard, Mahler, and Tsiatas were present. Chairperson Sullivan and Vice Chairperson Conley were absent.
2. **NEW BUSINESS**

Director DiCioccio joined the meeting at 10:10 AM. She reported on the general education celebration event that had been held on September 28. The event had been well received. Faculty had responded with positive feedback. She also reported that plans were underway for a general education event for students to be held in October that would utilize faculty speakers to spotlight the new program outcomes. The Director discussed the formation of a think tank of 5 faculty, to be selected by the Director and the FSEC, to work on long term issues related to the URI general education program. The goal of the work of the group would be to generate ideas. Initially, the think tank would be charged with defining an issue to be proposed to a summer 2017 conference designed to develop solutions. The FSEC and the Director discussed the ongoing (pilot) assessment of the general education program and the efficacy of the rubrics. The Committee stressed that the value and benefit of the assessment process, deemed complex by many faculty, needed to be obvious. Discussion followed. Director DiCioccio left the meeting at 11:15 AM.
3. Minutes from FSEC meeting #11, September 26, 2016 were approved.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**

Ms. Neff polled the Committee members to determine who would be available to meet on Wednesday, October 12.
5. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
  - a. Senator Mahler asked about the scheduling of the evaluation of administrators in the same year as the end of their contracts rather than the year prior to the end of their contracts. She expressed concern for the large number of administrators who were scheduled to be reviewed this year and the impact on faculty.
  - b. Other ongoing committee issues were briefly reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff