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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #15**  
**October 31, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM on Monday, October 31, 2016, in the President's Conference Room, Green Hall, Chairperson Sullivan presiding. Senators Byrd, Conley, Leonard, Mahler, and Tsiatas were present.
2. President Dooley joined the meeting at 10:05 AM. The FSEC discussed with the President the recently proposed changes to the transfer policy (Policy for Articulation and Transfer Between Public Institutions of Higher Education In Rhode Island) recommended by Commissioner Purcell. The President suggested that the proposed changes were attributed, in part, to the focus by the General Assembly on performance metrics. Discussion followed about the importance of maintaining recognition of the unique mission of each of the three state institutions while continuing to facilitate students' mobility between institutions.

The FSEC asked the President about the goal of expanding enrollment at the graduate level. The President indicated that the institution had a responsibility to promote graduate programs that offer opportunities and that a strategic approach to expansion would be in the best interest of students as well as the institution. He said that there were no programs targeted for discontinuation but that conversations about opportunities for growth in graduate programs, including doctoral, masters, and professional graduate degrees, would be useful.

The President left the meeting at 11:05 AM.

3. Minutes from FSEC meeting #14, October 24, 2016 were approved as amended.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**

Committee members were reminded that the General Education Committee had invited the Subcommittee on the Assessment of General Education (SAGE) to its next meeting on November 3.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Vice Chairperson Conley provided details about the proposed committee restructuring that he has undertaken. He said that he had compiled the duties of the faculty senate committees (taken from the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate) and was endeavoring to realign areas of responsibility into different groupings. He was asked to provide the

Committee with a draft of his proposed new committee organization at the November 14 FSEC meeting.

- b.** Chairperson Sullivan noted that Vice Provost Libutti had been asked to present a report to the Faculty Senate on November 17 about Enrollment Management. The Committee discussed their plan to propose discontinuation of the Admissions Advisory Committee (UMAN 5.77.10 – 12).
- c.** The FSEC reviewed the nominees for administrator evaluation committees and confirmed some selections for three of the five committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff