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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #22  
February 12, 2016**

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM on Friday, February 12, 2016, in the President's Conference Room, Chairperson Rollo-Koster presiding. Senators Kusz, Rarick, Sullivan, Tsiatas, and Welters were present.
2. Minutes of FSEC Meeting #21, January 29, 2016 were approved.
3. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
  - a. The Nominating Committee presented the names of nominees to the FSEC for Senate officers, Chair and Vice Chair/Chair Elect for the 2016-17 academic year. The FSEC accepted their nominations. The election of the officers is planned to take place at the February 18 Faculty Senate meeting.
  - b. The FSEC considered the request from the Alumni Association for a Faculty Senate representative who is also an alumna/us. Names of faculty alumni were suggested and FSEC members said they would follow up with those individuals.
  - c. The FSEC reviewed agenda items for their upcoming meeting with the Provost.
  - d. The FSEC discussed inviting Athletic Director Bjorn to an upcoming meeting.
4. President Dooley was welcomed to the meeting at 8:30 AM and the following matters were discussed:
  - a. Chairperson Rollo-Koster asked the President to comment on media reports on the Governor's intended trip to Davos, Switzerland.
  - b. Chairperson Rollo-Koster asked the President to comment on the FY2017 state budget and its implications for URI. The President indicated that, although the Governor's budget included a tuition freeze, there were still some questions and uncertainties regarding the FY17 state appropriation. The President said that the final budget would not be known until May but it was possible that this would be the best budget that the institution had seen in several years.
  - c. The President was asked about the revised overhead distribution plan for FY17 made available on January 29 by Vice President Sonnenfeld. The President indicated that the need to adjust the distribution [result of downturn in federal funding for research] was unfortunate but that there were no alternatives.

The President left the meeting at 9:35 AM.

The FSEC resumed **Ongoing Business**. The Committee approved changes to the Policy for the Administration of Grants, Contracts and Gifts. Ms. Neff said that she would forward the document to the Chair of the Council for Research.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff