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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #24  
February 26, 2016**

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM on Friday, February 26, 2016, in Swan 154, Chairperson Rollo-Koster presiding. Senators Kusz, Sullivan, Tsiatas, and Welters were present. Senator Rarick was absent.
2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**
  - a. The FSEC discussed agenda items for an upcoming meeting of the Senate Chair and Vice Chair with the President.
  - b. Chairperson Rollo-Koster reported on her recent participation in meetings concerning performance-based funding.
  - c. Chairperson Rollo-Koster reported on her recent participation in a meeting of URI's 125th Anniversary Steering Committee.
  - d. Senator Tsiatas informed the Committee that the faculty member whom he had asked to serve on the Alumni Association had not replied. Ms. Neff was asked to contact another faculty candidate for the vacancy.
  - e. Chairperson Rollo-Koster announced that she would be meeting with Vice Presidents Valentino and Sonnenfeld on March 14 to discuss staffing and budgetary alignment in Sponsored Research Administration. Senator Sullivan indicated that he would attend also.
  - f. Vice Chairperson Welters provided an update on the proceedings of the February 25 meeting of the Joint Committee on Academic Planning (JCAP). JCAP will be addressing the reporting needs for the institution's upcoming (2017) New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation process. JCAP also plans to form a Process Streamlining Steering group to address Goal 5 of the 2016-2021 Academic Strategic Plan.

### **3. ONGOING BUSINESS**

- a. The FSEC discussed their concerns about the general education course approval process.
- b. The FSEC discussed methods of casting secret ballots in Faculty Senate meetings. Ms. Neff was asked to invite Sr. Information Technologist, Phil Teixeira to an upcoming FSEC meeting to discuss the feasibility of options.

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. The FSEC discussed faculty complaints about the appointment of administrative officers (deans) without the benefit of a customary search as stipulated in the University Manual. The FSEC discussed the role of Visiting Professors at the University and the manner in which they are hired and supported.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff