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**Faculty Senate Meeting #2 Minutes
Thursday October 24, 2019**

1. **THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING** was called to order at 3:04 PM. PM in the Beupre Center for Chemical and Forensic Sciences by Chair Nassersharif. All members were present except for Senators Vyas, Anderson, Loose, Mok, Schneiderjans, Byrd, Aberdam, Leatham, Haile, Chandlee, Meyerson, Martin, Sodhi, Greaney, and King. Ex Officio in attendance: President Dooley, Vice Provost Bodah, Vice Provost Libutti, Vice Provost Veeger, Dean Zawia, Associate Dean Anne Seitsinger for Dean Rolle, Associate Dean DeBoef, Student Senate President Marotta. Others in attendance: Katerina DeNardo, Professors English, Derbyshire, Mundorf, Roberts, Jervais, Director Goldsmith, and Thomas McGrath, Student Senate.
2. **DISPOSITION OF MINUTES** of the Faculty Senate Meeting # 1 September 19, 2019 minutes were posted with the agenda. Senate Chair Nassersharif asked if there were any additions, corrections or questions on the minutes. As there were no corrections or questions, the minutes were approved.
3. **REPORT OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
 - a. Senate Vice Chair Echevarria presented the three changes to the University Manual recommended by the [Special Committee on Minors](#). Proposal One provides clearer definition of a Minor, Proposal 2 at least eight of the credits for the minor must be earned at URI. Proposal 3 Permit application of all credits from a minor field of study to a major in the case of postgraduation re-enrollment for the purpose of completing a full major in what was previously a minor field of study and permit application of up to two courses from major program to minor field of study. Discussion ensued. Motions were made on each proposal, seconded and approved.
 - b. A motion was made and passed to recognize the formalization of the [Fritz Wenisch Award](#).
4. **REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**
 - a. Associate Graduate School Dean DeBoef presented the Graduate Council Reports [2019-20-2](#), [2019-20-3](#), [2019-20-4](#), [2019-20-5](#) A motion was made and passed to accept the Reports. Discussion ensued concerning the approval of courses for the professional Master of Science Program in Supply Chain Management and Applied Analytics.

- b. Graduate School Dean Zawia presented [Graduate Council Report 2019-20-1](#) for consideration. A motion was made and passed to accept the Report.
- c. Senator Cardany, Chair of the Curriculum and Standards Committee, presented [Report #2019-20-2](#) and [appendices](#). A motion was made and passed to accept the Reports.
- d. Senator Meenach, Chair of the Academic Calendar Subcommittee presented the [Committee's Report](#) and [proposed Manual language changes](#). Discussion ensued. Students needing accommodation should work with the Academic Testing Center. A motion was made and passed to change University Manual language to reflect changes from 6 days of exams to 5 days and from 3-hour exam sessions to 2-hour sessions.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Nassersharif asked if there was any unfinished old business. There was none.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Nassersharif asked if there was any new business. Katerina DeNardo from the URI Campus Bookstore addressed the Senate urging them to complete the "Faculty Watch National Survey" which will assist the bookstore in responding to Faculty curriculum needs and implement new policies that better align with the goals of professors. The survey will run from October 24 through November 7th.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 4:26 PM.