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FACULTY SENATE MEETING #8
MINUTES April 16, 2020
(3:11 - 4:59 PM)
via WebEx

1. **THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING** via WebEx was called to order at 3:11 PM by Senate Chair Nassersharif immediately following the General Faculty – Graduate Faculty Meeting. All members were present except for Senators Amin, Bovy, Greaney, Hashemi, King, Mok, Sendag, and Sodhi. Ex Officio in attendance: President Dooley, Provost DeHayes, Vice Provost Ako-Adounvo, Vice Provost Veeger, Vice Provost Bodah, Vice Provost Libutti, Dean Ebrahimpour, Dean Kirby, Dean Riley, Dean Rolle, Dean Wright, and Dean Zawia. Also in attendance: Associate Dean DeBoef, Associate Dean Reynolds.
2. **MINUTES of Faculty Senate** Meeting #6 on February 20, 2020, and the FSEC Meeting #7 on March 19, 2020, was approved.
3. **REPORT OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Senate Chair Nassersharif greeted the assembly and reviewed the process and procedures for the Faculty Senate meeting.

 - a. Senate Vice-Chair Echevarria presented minutes of Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meetings – #34 March 4, #35 March 18, #37 March 27, 2020, and #38 April 1, 2020, were noticed by the Senators. There were no comments.
 - b. The deadline of April 21st for the Sheila Black Grubman Faculty Outstanding Service Award and the Fritz Wenisch Award was announced. Those interested in nominating a faculty member were directed to the Faculty Senate website (www.uri.edu/facsen) for further details.
4. **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported that the first meeting of the URI Board of Trustees will be a virtual meeting held on April 17th and publicly broadcast on Facebook Live. Among the items the Board will consider are the elections of a Chair and Vice Chair and approval of the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees to be conferred by the President at the end of the spring semester. Two Board members still await confirmation by the RI Senate. The new URI Board of Trustees webpage is located at <https://web.uri.edu/trustees> and will contain notices of meeting schedules, agendas and minutes.
5. **REPORTS**
 - a. URI Foundation President, Lil Breul O'Rourke, CFO Adam Quinlan, and VP for Development Claire Gadrow presented a Report on the URI Foundation. Foundation President O'Rourke reviewed the role of the Foundation and its organizational structure. She spoke of the challenges in fundraising in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. CFO Quinlan reviewed steps and diversification that have ensured high returns on the URI endowment, outperforming other college and university endowments during the period of 2016 through 2018. VP for Development Claire Gadrow outlined the steps for the

development of the capital campaign beginning at its inception to its public rollout in the fall of 2019. To date they have raised \$173 million of the goal of \$250 million.

- b. Professor Brand, Committee Chair provided a report on the Learning Outcomes Oversight Committee (LOOC). The report was a summary of issues and actions of the Committee and an opportunity to recognize faculty for excellence in assessment reporting. Recognized faculty include: Professors Cheryl Foster, Stephanie West Puckett, Jeremiah Dyehouse, Julie Coiro, Kris Bovy, Gerard Jalette, LeAnne Spino-Seijas, Jody Lisberger, LeAnne Spino-Seijas, Marta Gomez-Chiarri, Kristin Johnson and Ingrid Lofgren.

6. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- a. Dean Zawia presented Graduate Council Curricular Report No. 2019-20-10, a new MS Program in Quantum Computing. A motion to accept the new program was made, seconded and approved.
- b. Dean Zawia presented Graduate Council Curricular Report No. 2019-20-11, a proposal from the College of the Environment and Health Sciences (CELS) to create a new 7-week accelerated Online Graduate Certificate in Fisheries Science (FIS). A motion to accept the new program was made, seconded and approved.
- c. Associate Dean DeBoef presented the Graduate Council Curricular Report No. 2019-20-12, with Appendices A-B. The report contained informational matters and 18 new course proposals. A motion to accept the new courses was made, seconded and approved.
- d. Associate Dean DeBoef and Senator Cardany presented the Joint Graduate Council and Curriculum and Standards Committee Report No. 2019-20-2, for
 - i. proposed new ABM programs. A motion to approve the proposed accelerated BS/MS in Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design was made, seconded, and approved (39 approved, 0 oppose, 1 abstain).
 - ii. proposed accelerated BS (Human Development and Family Studies)/MS (Development Science) degree program, was made, seconded and approved (39 approve, 0 oppose, 1 abstain).
 - iii. A motion to approve the proposed accelerated BS (Natural Resource Science) to MESM (Master of Environment Science and Management) degree program was made, seconded and approved (33 approve, 0 oppose, 1 abstain).
- e. Senator Cardany, Chair presented the Curriculum and Standards Committee Report No. 2019-20-10, and Appendices A-M and N-O. Seconded motions from the Committee were presented and approved for: 21 course changes (42 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain), 12 new courses (41 approve, 0 oppose, 1 abstain), 1 course changing General Education outcomes, and 4 existing courses seeking General Education (37 approve, 0 oppose, 1 abstain), 13 Program changes (38 approve, 0 oppose, 1 abstain), 1 new undergraduate Marine Technical Certificate Program (37 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain), and 1 new undergraduate Certificate Program in Cannabis Studies (35 approve, 0 oppose, 2 abstain).

- f. Senator Meyerson, Chair of the Academic Calendar Subcommittee of the Curriculum and Standards Committee presented Report No. 2019-20-11. A motion to approve corrections to 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 accelerated online calendars was made and approved (38 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain).
 - g. Senator Hicks, Chair of Constitution, By-Laws, and University Manual, explained that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee chose not to forward Report No. 2019-2020-3, previously approved by the Senate at the February 20, 2020, to President Dooley due to important transcription errors. As a result of those errors Senator Hicks moved to rescind the initial report. The motion was seconded and approved (41 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain).
 - i. Senator Hicks then presented “University Manual Language in Regard to Policy and Procedures for Graduate School/Council Governance” Report No. 2019-2020-3A to the Faculty Senate. She presented a seconded motion from the FSEC to approve revisions to University Manual language related to the Graduate School and Graduate Council. The motion was approved (41 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstain).
 - h. Senator Hunter, Chair, General Education Subcommittee of the Curriculum and Standards Committee presented a 2019 – 2020 General Education Initial Subcommittee Report. Senator Hunter presented the results of the survey questionnaire sent to students and faculty on the General Education program and courses.
7. **OLD BUSINESS** Chair Nassersharif asked if there was any unfinished old business. There was none.
8. **NEW BUSINESS** Chair Nassersharif asked if there was any new business. There was none.
9. **ADJOURNMENT** There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm.