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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes #40

April 28, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 in Library Conference Room B, Chairperson Nassersharif presiding. Senators Rarick, Rollo Koster, Sullivan, and Welters were present; Senator Cerbo was absent.

2. Minutes of FSEC Meetings #37 April 7, #38 April 14, and #39 April 21 were approved as amended.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

Chairperson Nassersharif and Vice Chairperson Rollo Koster reported on their meeting of April 24 with the President. The President had agreed to the proposed By-Laws and Manual changes that would eliminate the need for his approval of new courses and course changes once acted upon by the Faculty Senate. They had also discussed the progress on recommendations of the AMRC to improve productivity and efficiency at URI and the distribution of overhead.

4. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. The FSEC considered the requirement for Faculty Senate approval of courses for the revised general education program. The Committee had been asked to consider an expedited process for approval of courses during the implementation period. The FSEC agreed to maintain the usual approval process, requiring presentation at Senate meetings, until further discussion with Director Swift.

b. The FSEC discussed increasing the remuneration for Senate Executive Service, considering many options, and agreed to continue to discuss the matter with the Provost.

c. The Committee discussed the possibility of hosting a workshop to familiarize Senators with Senate meeting procedures and parliamentary process. Presenting this information during the September Faculty Senate meeting was considered.

d. The Committee discussed Executive Committee representation on the Joint Committee on Academic Planning (JCAP) and the Strategic Budget and Planning Council. They affirmed the importance of the role of Senate leadership on these committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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