

4-14-2022

## Faculty Senate Minutes April 14, 2022

University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate

Follow this and additional works at: [https://digitalcommons.uri.edu/facsen\\_min](https://digitalcommons.uri.edu/facsen_min)

---

### Recommended Citation

University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate, "Faculty Senate Minutes April 14, 2022" (2022). *Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes*. Paper 100.

[https://digitalcommons.uri.edu/facsen\\_min/100](https://digitalcommons.uri.edu/facsen_min/100)

This Meeting Minutes is brought to you for free and open access by the Faculty Senate at DigitalCommons@URI. It has been accepted for inclusion in Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@URI. For more information, please contact [digitalcommons-group@uri.edu](mailto:digitalcommons-group@uri.edu).

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**FACULTY SENATE MEETING**  
**Thursday, April 14, 2022**  
**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM via WebEx**

[ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE](#)

1. Call to order of the General Faculty - Graduate Faculty meeting at 3:00 p.m.
2. Call to order of the Faculty Senate Meeting - Faculty Senate (FS) President Cardany called the Faculty Senate meeting to order at 3:15 PM immediately following the General Faculty and Graduate Faculty meeting.

All senators were present except Senators Amin, Buxton, Goods, Haile, Martin, Maynard, Roman, Sendag, Wen, and Zhang.

Ex officio members and others in attendance: President Parlange, Interim Provost Beauvais, Vice Provost Bodah, Associate Vice Provost Veeger, Dean Liguori, Dean Libutti, Dean DeBoef, Associate Dean Mouw, Associate Dean Sartini, Associate Dean Smith, CIO Kaugars, and past FS President Echevarria.

3. Approval of the Agenda - The agenda was approved without opposition on a voice vote.
4. Disposition of Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting #7, March 24, 2022 - The minutes were approved without opposition on a voice vote.

**5. REPORT OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- a. Announcements and Opening Remarks - Senate President Cardany
- b. Activities of the Executive Committee - Senate Vice President Rice
  - i. Minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings - March 22, 2022 - The minutes were presented and there were no further comments.
  - ii. Motion: Approve FS meeting calendar AY 22-23 - The Executive Committee had recommended a meeting calendar at the March meeting. The schedule was approved on a voice vote with no opposition.
  - iii. Motion: Faculty Senate to nominate faculty members for appointment to a 3-year term on the URI Research Foundation Board of Directors. The proposal was approved as presented.
- c. Recommendations of the Executive Committee - President Cardany

- i. Second Reading Motion: Change Manual language regarding Senate Meeting Schedule (Section 4.6 of Appendix C of the University Manual, By-laws) to align with current practice. This minor change was presented at the 3/24/22 Faculty Senate meeting but By-Laws amendments require two readings. A poll was administered and the motion passed with 100% support.
- ii. Second Reading Standing Committee Membership (Section 4 of Appendix C of the University Manual, By-laws) - Motion: Adjust all membership numbers for standing committees to indicate minimum number of members only. This minor change was presented at the 3/24/22 Faculty Senate meeting but By-Laws amendments require two readings. A poll was administered and the motion passed with 100% support.
- iii. Second Reading Nominating Committee (Section 5 of Appendix C of the University Manual, By-laws) - Motion: Move nominating committee selection for Vice President and Executive Committee to December. This minor change was presented at the 3/24/22 Faculty Senate meeting but By-Laws amendments require two readings. A poll was administered and the motion passed with 100% support.
- iv. Motion: Changes to Chapter 4 regarding Graduate Faculty Status - This motion came to the Senate after being moved and seconded by the FSEC. The FSEC has been working with Graduate School Dean Deboef and Associate Dean Mouw to align University Manual language pertaining to Graduate Faculty Status with language in the Graduate School Manual. The Graduate Council initiated the dialogue, noting that conferral and maintenance of such status should be via a formal and standardized process. A poll was administered and the motion passed with 95.2% in favor.
- v. Motion: Include use of a University Manual Maintenance Schedule in the UM - The FSEC has proposed placing a reference to responsibilities for Manual updates within the Manual. A schedule for review and revision will not be contained in the Manual but will be maintained on the Faculty Senate website. A poll was administered and the proposal was approved with 100 percent support.
- vi. Motion: Changes to Chapter 5 and Chapter 9 to align with Federal Title IX and the Board of Trustees Policy on Sexual Harrassment- the Executive Committee has worked with the VP of Aministration's office on the referenced language. From a risk management perspective, it was advised that University Manual language avoid conflicts with documents that supersede it, like certain State and Federal laws and union contracts. The revisions were made with this principle in mind. A poll was administered and the motion was approved with 97.4% support.

## 6. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Parlange highlighted several recent alumni and campus events. He then reported on his recent efforts to gain budgetary support for URI through the State legislature. He has been spending significant time at the State House this Spring, particularly in front of the House Finance Committee to request additional annual support from the State budget. While a lot of recent attention has been on special high-dollar bonding and grant opportunities, particularly at the Federal level, it is President Parlange's assertion that, as the State's flagship University, URI deserves considerably more ordinary operating support than it has been receiving, especially given that the return on investment is so favorable. Current data shows that for every one dollar invested in the University, there is a more than 6 dollar return for the State. Because URI is uniquely positioned to address pressing global issues in an

inter-disciplinary and comprehensive way, the State's top priority should be on expanding the university's research footprint and increased annual support is essential to meeting that goal.

The following matters have been signed by the President:

Bill #21-22-26B Curricular Report #2021-2022-05 from the Graduate Council, programs. Approved by President Parlange on March 29, 2022.

Bill #21-22-27B Curriculum and Standards Committee Report No. 2021-2022-07, programs. Approved by President Parlange on March 29, 2022.

Bill #21-22-29 Committee for Research and Creative Activities Committee, Center Review Subcommittee Report. Changes to University Manual 8.90.20-8.90.30. Approved by President Parlange on March 29, 2022.

## **7. REPORTS OF JOINT, STANDING, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- a. Report on the Joint Committee on Academic Planning - Interim Provost Beauvais outlined the activities of the JCAP during the current academic year, noting that the Committee's charge includes making recommendations on matters related to accreditation and academic planning to the Faculty Senate. Highlights of recent Committee meetings have included a review of the University's mission statement and work on the NECHE Interim Report which is due in August.
- b. Curricular Report No. 2021-2022-06-Amended, Appendices A-E, F-H, and I-J from the Graduate Council to the Faculty Senate -- Associate Dean Mouw presented a number of course changes and new courses as well as several new programs and tracks. A friendly amendment was offered and accepted on a 500-level engineering course to note the requirement of senior standing. All proposals were approved unanimously via electronic poll.
- c. Joint Report of the Curriculum and Standards Committee and Graduate Council No.2021-2022-01, Appendices A-B. Associate Dean Mouw and Chair Kincaid presented their 6-page report which covered several course changes and new courses (including new online courses). The report also included four course deletions and three new temporary courses. All proposals were approved unanimously via electronic poll.
- d. Curriculum and Standards Committee Report No. 2021-2022-08, Appendices A-J, K-M, and N - Chair Kincaid presented an informational report that included several new temporary courses, course deletions and online versions of existing courses. He then presented the course and program changes requiring action from the Senate. These included an organizational change in Criminology and Criminal Justice. A poll was administered and all proposals passed unanimously.
- e. General Education Committee Report No. 2021-2022-05 - Chair Rarick presented a 7-item report. A poll was administered and all proposals passed with 100% support.
- f. Second Reading: Clarify the charge of the Center Review Subcommittee - Report - Senator Eaton presented the brief proposal that came to the Faculty Senate moved and seconded by her Committee. A poll was administered and the measure passed unanimously.
- g. Annual Report of Service and Community Life Committee (SCL) - Chair Trimm presented the report detailing the hard work of the committee throughout the year. He noted the committee was tasked during this Academic Year with making recommendations about fostering Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) across campus. The Committee advocated strongly for the creation and maintenance of a single university website to communicate

all DEI-related information, which was met with significant support from the administration. The Committee is optimistic that the coming months will see this priority realized. The SCL Committee also succeeded in establishing an award to recognize faculty efforts to make DEI a central part of General Education courses. The URI Foundation has already raised \$1,000 to fund this new award.

There was a motion to extend the meeting end time by 15 minutes which was approved.

- h. Report of the Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee -
  - i. Informational Report - Editorial changes - Chair Barbour presented a number of editorial changes that were predominantly related to updating procedural inaccuracies as well as office and title updates. There were no objections.
  - ii. Motion to accept as editorial any changes that clarify the authority of the Agreement between the URI Board of Trustees and the URI Chapter of the AAUP. Chair Barbour continued presenting her Committee's report which included these items for action. The proposal addressed changes aimed at improving consistency between the Manual and the AAUP contract. These changes were accepted as editorial in nature via voice vote.

**8. CALL for NEW BUSINESS** - None

**9. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM.