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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes #25

February 4, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 in the Dorothy Vocino Conference Room in the URI Library, Chairperson Byrd presiding. Senators Brady, Cerbo, Davis, Nassersharif, and Rice were present.

2. There were no minutes to approve.

3. The FSEC reviewed the previous day's meeting with the President.

4. Ms. Neff provided the Committee with an update on the status of efforts to hire the Faculty Senate specialist.

5. The FSEC discussed the general education forum scheduled to take place at the February 20th Senate meeting. Chairperson Byrd and Vice Chairperson Rice planned to meet with Senator Krieger, the University's parliamentarian, to discuss proper procedures for the upcoming vote on the revised program at the March 20th Senate meeting.

6. Senator Nassersharif provided the Committee with an update on the status of the Administrator Evaluation process. He said that all six surveys had been distributed and faculty were responding and participating. He indicated that all the surveys should be closed by February 14th. He said that, prior to that date, he would send reminders to survey recipients who have not responded. The Committee continued to discuss the evaluation process and how to ensure that participating faculty receive a report of the results.

7. The FSEC discussed the evaluation of the President, scheduled for 2014-15, and the possibility of sending survey results to the Board of Education. In the February 3rd FSEC meeting with President Dooley, the President had suggested that the FSEC contact Board member William Maaia, Chair of the BOE Personnel Committee, to discuss this possibility. Vice Chairperson Rice said that he would contact Attorney William Maaia. Changes to University Manual Sections 2.10.10 and 10.90.14 would be required if evaluation survey results were to be shared with the Board.

8. Public Safety Director Stephen Baker had emailed Chairperson Byrd requesting that a member of the FSEC join the CCTV Surveillance Committee. Senator Nassersharif volunteered to represent the FSEC on this Committee.

9. The Committee discussed their ongoing concerns about the offering of online degree programs at URI, specifically in the College of Nursing. Their concerns included "ownership" of the curriculum, the limits (if any) on student enrollment, faculty workload, and tuition rates for online programs.

10. The Committee briefly discussed the need to review the changes to the Manual language definition of graduate faculty that had been proposed last year by the Graduate Dean.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Neff