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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes #2

June 5, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at the University Club, Chairperson Byrd presiding. Senators Brady, Cerbo, and Nassersharif were present. Senator Davis participated via conference call. Senator Rice was absent.

2. The MINUTES of FSEC Meeting #1, May 13, 2013 were approved as amended.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

a. Chairperson Byrd reported on the May 23, 2013 meeting of the Board of Education. The meeting was held in the Alumni Room, URI Ryan Center. Use of a satellite room, situated some distance from the main meeting room, for overflow attendance was inconvenient for those wishing to speak. The Board voted to recommend that each institution [URI, CCRI, and RIC] be permitted the authority to decide to arm its campus police. If and when decisions are made, the Board has requested that the institutions report back on the process used to determine the decision.

The FSEC remains concerned about how the needs of higher education will be met by the new Board given the demands of the K-12 issues.

New FSEC members were informed that at least one or two members try to attend each Board meeting. Board meetings are open to the public.

b. Chairperson Byrd reported that he had attended the May 29 interview of Dr. Jaylan Turkkan, candidate for Vice President for Research and Economic Development. Although no forms were distributed, Search Committee Chair John Kirby had asked for responses. The FSEC decided that, with regard to each candidate, members would respond individually, not as a body. The remaining two candidates will be interviewed on the following days: June 6, Dr. Gerry Sonnenfeld and June 7, Dr. David Conover.

c. The search for the Vice President for Administration and Finance is ongoing. Search committee Chair Tom Dougan will apprise the FSEC and the AAUP of joint interview times.

4. SUMMER BUSINESS

a. FSEC members were reminded of Section 4.3 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate:

The Executive Committee shall have the power to act for the Senate during the interim between the last Senate meeting in the spring and the first meeting in the fall on such matters as urgently require action at the time. Before acting, the Chairperson shall invite members of the Senate to a hearing concerning the action and its urgency. The provisions for circulating the agenda and minutes for special meetings of the Senate shall apply. The action of the Executive Committee will become effective ten days following the distribution of the minutes unless a necessary Presidential approval is withheld or unless a petition for challenges the action delay signed by five percent of the General Faculty. In these cases, the action must await consideration by the Senate.

b. 2013-14 committee appointments were discussed for Curricular Affairs (CAC), University College General Education (UCGE), Council for Research (CfR), and Constitution, By-Laws, and University Manual (CBUM). Mary Jamiel (A&S), Martha Rojas (A&S), Joanna Burkhart (LIB), and Norma Owens (PHC) will join the CAC; Susan Brand (HSS) was selected to chair the CAC. Karen De Bruin was approved to fill the A&S vacancy and Kelly Orr was selected to fill the Pharmacy vacancy on UCGE. Naomi Mandel (A&S), Annu Palakunnathu Matthew (A&S), and Deb Erickson-Owens (NUR) will fill vacancies on the Council for Research. Michael Sullivan (CELS) will fill the single vacancy on CBUM.

c. The FSEC will meet Tuesday July 2 and Tuesday August 13, 10AM - 12PM, in Library Conference Room B. A meeting will be scheduled with the Provost in late August. In addition, a meeting will be scheduled with the Graduate School to discuss the proposed changes to the manual language for Graduate Faculty Status.

5. MATTERS REMAINING FROM 2012-13 ACADEMIC YEAR

The ongoing revisions of the General Education Program were discussed. Although JCAP has endorsed the revisions to date, there continue to be concerns about implementation of the program. It was noted that the UCGE committee intended to work over the summer. FSEC members with questions or comments were encouraged to contact UCGE Chair Valerie Maier-Speredolozzi.

6. NEW BUSINESS

The FSEC discussed potential topics of discussion for meetings with President Dooley in the upcoming year. They would like to reinforce the goal of shared governance and ask the President to consider delivering a State of the University address at the first General Faculty meeting [GF meeting immediately precedes the Senate meeting in September]. It was hoped that the President might be open to addressing issues of faculty/community concern at each Senate meeting. These issues would be discussed with the President in advance of a meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff