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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes #17

November 15, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:10AM on November 15, 2013 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 for approval.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

a. Ms. Neff reported that the upcoming meeting with President had been rescheduled to November 25th. Agenda items were discussed under Ongoing Business.

b. Ms. Neff confirmed the new weekly FSEC meeting time for the Spring 2014 semester.

c. Chairperson Byrd reported on his meeting with the Provost. They had discussed the college/department level data developed in the Provost's Office (credit hours, FTE's etc.) that are available on the Provost's website and use of these data in benchmarking and reviewing programs at the institution.

d. Chairperson Byrd and Vice Chairperson Rice reported that they had sent a memo, dated November 13, 2013, to Valerie Maier-Sperdelozzi, Chair of the University College General Education Committee and its members thanking them for the time allotted to their visit at the November 7th meeting and for the time, effort, and diligence invested in addressing the important issue of revising the general education program at the University. In the memo, they asked the committee to prepare a comprehensive report on the plan by December 13th. They informed the committee that they would like to distribute the report to senators and schedule a forum on the subject for the January Senate meeting. The forum will be followed by a vote on the plan at the February Senate meeting.

4. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. The FSEC reviewed the minutes of the October 17, 2013 Faculty Senate and the agenda for the upcoming November 21st Senate meeting. The President's engagement and participation in discussions at the October Senate meeting was noted with appreciation.

b. The FSEC discussed the agenda items for their upcoming meeting with the President: faculty evaluation of administrators and a means of engaging with the Board of Education in the review of the President scheduled for 2014-15; plans for the forum on reducing safety risks on campus; the proposed governance structure for Higher Education; and the status of the efforts to revise the general education program (UCGE committee). Senator Brady informed the committee that she would not be able to attend the meeting with the President on November 25th.

c. The FSEC reflected on the forums and the perceived campus response to the issue of arming URI campus police. Senator Brady distributed an update on the plans for the non-violent forum. Senator Brady and Senator Davis have identified potential speakers for the event with expertise in components of campus security other than arming, such as counseling, interventions to address mental health problems, training in non-violent resolution, and emergency preparation and protocols. The subject of non-violence training of law enforcement was discussed. The FSEC

will work with the President's Office to continue to develop plans. This forum will be co-sponsored and promoted similarly to the previous ones. The President's Office will be asked to arrange logistics (venue, live video-streaming, etc.)

d. The FSEC made selections for the Administrator Evaluation committees for the six administrators being reviewed this year (Brownell, Bozylinsky, DeHayes, Libutti, Richmond, and Zawia). Where applicable, consideration was given to balance amongst disciplines or balance across areas of expertise. A few remaining vacancies were addressed. Ms. Neff was asked to contact the Provost for his choices, as supervisor, for the committees.

e. The terms of the current FSEC members were reviewed. Ms. Neff was asked to review the University Manual on the subject of Election of Officers to determine the eligibility of current members for next year's executive committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff