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# Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

## Minutes #11

**October 4, 2013**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM on October 4, 2013 in the Dorothy Vocino Conference Room in the URI Library, Chairperson Byrd presiding. Senators Brady, Davis, Nassersharif, and Rice were present. Senator Cerbo was absent.

2. Minutes of FSEC Meeting #10, Sept. 27 were approved as amended.

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

Chairperson Byrd reported that the faculty member who was considering the Ombud position declined the offer. Another individual will be contacted.

Chairperson Byrd reported that the Provost had suggested scheduling a joint meeting with Graduate School leadership to discuss issues of mutual concern. A date is forthcoming.

### 4. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. The FSEC discussed the ongoing administrator evaluation process. The motion made at the Sept. 20th FSEC meeting, stemming from concern that the Senate cannot evaluate its own process without being in receipt of some sort of report or summary, was discussed. The committee also considered the Provost's suggestion that one member of the FSEC sit on each administrator's evaluation committee.

b. The new manual sections describing the Focused Review of an Academic Program were reviewed by the Provost. The FSEC approved the edits made by the Provost. The proposed sections will be presented to the Senate at the October 17th meeting.

c. Issues relative to the Graduate School and its relationship to the Faculty Senate were discussed. Senator Rice said that there is no foundational grounding in the Constitution to suggest that the Graduate School is a body separate and distinct from the University faculty with distinct governing powers. Discussion ensued. The FSEC decided to table the proposed Manual changes to 4.70.10, The Graduate Faculty.

d. The series of public events scheduled to address the decision of arming the campus police were reviewed. Committee members said that at least one individual would attend each event and inform the assembled group of the Senate resolution of last spring affirming a firearms-free campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff