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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes #6

September 6, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. on September 6, 2013 in the Dorothy Vocino Conference Room in the URI Library, Chairperson Byrd presiding. Senators Brady, Cerbo, Davis, and Rice were present. Senator Nassersharif was absent.

2. The minutes of FSEC meetings #4, August 13, 2013 and #5, August 20, 2013 were approved as amended.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

a. Chairperson Byrd and Vice Chairperson Rice reported on their meeting with President Dooley on August 28, 2013. In an effort to re-energize the tradition of a presidential address at the beginning of the academic year (UNIV. MAN. 4.40.10), President Dooley was asked and agreed to address the faculty at the September 19th General Faculty-Graduate Faculty meeting (scheduled prior to Faculty Senate meeting on that day).

Regarding the issue of arming URI campus police, the President has invited individuals from Brown University to address the URI community and discuss their decision-making process to arm their police force [2006]. The President is also planning to hold a forum, mid-fall.

Regarding faculty evaluation of administrators, the President was amenable to including the Board of Education in the results of the President's evaluation. Currently, per the UNIV. MAN. 10.90.14, the results of the President's evaluation go only to the President. They discussed the possibility of establishing a liaison with the Board of Education. The FSEC will be meeting with President Dooley on September 16, 2013.

b. Agenda items for discussion with the Provost for the meeting scheduled on Sept. 13, 2013 were reviewed.

4. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. The FSEC continues to work to fill senate and standing committee vacancies.

b. The FSEC will propose augmenting the administrator evaluation pilot process by requesting that data from the survey results and/or a report based on the survey results be made available to the FSEC to allow an assessment of the tool and the process.

c. FSEC members will solicit interest in the position of University Ombud.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. The Provost directed Resolution #12-13--4 to Dean Kirby for his review and comment.

b. Chairperson Byrd met with the Provost and University College General Education Committee Chair Maier-Speredelozzi on August 20 to review the status of the GenEd revisions. The FSEC remains concerned about the complexity of the program, what is optimal for the student, and how or if to promote acceptance of the program in the Senate. Modifications were discussed. It was

suggested that the FSEC meet with the UCGE committee chair and some members of the committee.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. It had been brought to the attention of Chairperson Byrd and Vice Chairperson Rice by the Provost that there is a faculty vacancy on the Strategic Budget and Planning Council for 2013-14. Discussion took place about two faculty nominations to the vacancy. The FSEC concurs with the nominations made by the Provost.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff