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Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes #8

September 16, 2013

The meeting convened at 9:00AM on September 16, 2013 in the President's Conference Room, Green Hall. Present: President Dooley, Chairperson Byrd, Senators Cerbo and Nassersharif.

Chairperson Byrd thanked the President for having agreed to address the faculty later in the week at the first General Faculty-Graduate Faculty meeting of the academic year. All were in agreement that it was a highly anticipated event.

The following matters were discussed:

1. President Dooley is amenable to the Board of Education receiving the results of his performance evaluation by the Faculty Senate, scheduled for 2014-2015. The President said that he believes that the faculty should have a substantive role in the process and that it would strengthen the shared governance role of the faculty. He said he would discuss the matter with Board of Education Chair Eva Mancuso. He believes that his contract review cycle is not on schedule (every 3 years) because of the changes at the Board level last year.

The President was informed that the 2013-14 administrator evaluations would include review of the Provost. The President expressed appreciation for the Senate's goal to have the process completed by April (2014).

2. The President was asked about actions taken by URI since the decision by the Board of Education at their May 23, 2013 meeting regarding the arming of campus police. He said that there are several events planned for September and October that reflect work that was carried out over the summer. The President has planned the following:

- a. testing and implementation of a new emergency alert system
- b. an opportunity for chairs and deans to view a video on emergency procedures; i.e., lock down and what it means
- c. an open public forum on campus, "Brown University's Experience with Arming Campus Police" with Russell Carey, Executive Vice President for Planning and Policy, Brown University and Mark Porter, Chief, Brown Police to discuss the decision-making process that went into arming the Brown University campus police force in 2006
- d. a second open public event with a panel, planned for October
- e. a meeting between the President and the Student Senate
- f. an additional opportunity to write or express views in another manner
- g. a meeting to confer with Faculty Senate leadership

The President said that he and his leadership team will consider the outcomes all of these events to come to a decision to take action or not. The Faculty Senate was invited to co-sponsor the forums. Chairperson Byrd accepted.

3. The President was asked if there were any changes pending to the curricular approval process by the Board of Education. The President said that he would confer with the Board Chair and report back.

4. Chairperson Byrd expressed a concern to the President that seating for Faculty Senate Executive Committee members at Board of Education meetings was not always assured. The President said that he would make inquiries about seating for Senate representatives at future Board meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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