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Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)

Meeting # 17 Minutes October 4, 2019 10:45 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM in the President's Conference Green Hall by Chair Nassersharif. Vice Chair Echevarria, Senators Hicks, Barbour, Gindy and Morokoff were in attendance.

2. GUEST SPEAKER: President David Dooley

- a. President Dooley discussed recent changes to the URI Foundation policy on expenditure of funds. These changes have not been finalized but reflect common practices of other public universities. The President encouraged suggestions to be submitted to him and the Provost.
- b. The President expressed satisfaction with the ongoing process of vetting potential members to the URI Board Trustees. The new Board is envisioned to reflect the diversity of the University and include members with expertise in areas such as higher education, human resources, business, legal and finance. A list of nominees is expected to be ready to submit to the Legislature for approval by late Fall.
- c. There is a review of the current RI Post-Secondary Council policies currently taking place through the Office of the Vice President for Administration and Finance with the President's Office and the Vice President of Student Affairs with the goal of analyzing existing policies to create foundational policies that the new URI Board can adopt.
- d. The President was asked how he sees the participation of the Faculty Senate. The President suggested that the new Board of Trustees have regular meetings with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.
- e. The President provided updates on the Innovation Campuses.
The President left the meeting at 12:15 PM.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. The FSEC Meeting #16 Minutes of September 27, 2019 were approved as amended.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

- a. Chair Nassersharif announced that budget transfers for summer service have been completed. Prof. Samantha Meenach will be resigning as Senator and will inform the FSEC of her replacement. The FSEC will work with the Chair of CAS to find a replacement to chair the Academic Calendar Subcommittee.

Reminders will be sent out to constituents for nominations to the Administrator Evaluation Committees of Deans Richmond, Riley, Rolle and President Dooley.

The Chair has volunteered to assist the Provost's Office in resurrecting Phi Kappa Psi on campus and is looking for volunteers to assist.

The Chair reached out to the Executive Director of the AAUP for clarification on 51/49% administrative/faculty positions (e.g. Associate Deans) to clarify their role in the Senate. The Chair is waiting for a response.

5. ONGOING ITEMS

- a. Vice Chair Echevarria met with the Service and Community Life Chair Prof. Christy Ashley to discuss the focus of the committee.
- b. Chair of CBUM and FSEC Member Hicks has been working on the proposed Manual language changes regarding Minors which will be presented at next FS meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 12:59 PM.