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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)  
Meeting # 20 October 25, 2019 MINUTES**

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 by Chair Nassersharif. Vice Chair Echevarria, Senators Morokoff, Hicks and Barbour were in attendance. Senator Gindy was absent. Visitors: Executive Committee of the AAUP
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. The FSEC Meeting Minutes #18 of October 11, 2019 and meeting minutes of # 19 October 18, 2019 were approved.
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS
  - a. Chair Nassersharif provided remarks from the Faculty Senate to the 32nd RI Transportation Forum held on Campus.
  - b. Comments were shared on how well attended the rescheduled October 17<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate meeting was and the prodigious amount of work that was accomplished.
  - c. The Coordinator met with Christine Sweet of Instructional Technology to determine communication options when Sakai is phased out next semester. Google Groups seems to be the best choice.
4. MEETING with AAUP Executive Board
  - a. The status of Emeritus faculty was discussed. The AAUP stated that as Emeritus faculty are no longer employees of URI, the AAUP can no longer represent their interests.
  - b. The issue of the Graduate faculty was considered. The Faculty Senate will keep the AAUP updated on this issue and in the meantime Senator Morokoff will forward the Special Committee on Graduate issues report to the AAUP Executive Director.
  - c. Executive Director Walsh noted that nothing had changed with the parking issues on campus.
  - d. The AAUP is optimistically looking forward to working with the new URI Board of Trustees.

- e. The AAUP Executive Committee asked about non tenure track faculty being eligible to run for the Faculty Senate. There is a request from the AAUP Executive Board that this issue be reintroduced for consideration by the Faculty Senate this academic year.

The AAUP Executive Board left the meeting at 12:08 PM.

5. ONGOING ITEMS

- a. The Faculty Senate further discussed the areas of focus for the Service and Community Life Committee. The Committee will look into the issue of faculty work load and balance of service responsibilities. It was also suggested that the Faculty Senate election process be studied as it varies from college to college.

6. NEW ITEM

- a. A motion was made and accepted to consider developing a proposal for nontenure track Faculty being part of Faculty.
- b. The time of next Faculty Senate meeting on November 1 will be extended to cover visitors and uncompleted agenda topics.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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