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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)  
Minutes of Meeting #22 November 8, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER
  - a. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. in Library Conference Room B by Chair Nassersharif Vice Chair Echevarria, Senators Gindy, Barbour, Hicks, and Morokoff were present.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. FSEC meeting # 21 November 1, 2019 Minutes were approved as revised.
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS
  - a. Chair Nassersharif reported on the meeting he and Vice Chair Echevarria attended with Provost DeHayes and Vice Provost Veeger on Wednesday, November 6, 2019.
    - I. Provost DeHayes announced that the final report on URI 101 is expected soon.
    - II. Provost also mentioned that Dean Richmond will be stepping down effective July 1, 2021.
    - III. The plans to restructure the IT Strategic Governance Committee (IT Gov) was discussed.
    - IV. The group discussed the logistics of moving the Faculty Senate Office from Green Hall to Pastore
    - V. Vice Provost Veeger reported that the issue of the Math Placement testing software licensing is being handled by the University's legal team.
  - b. The Chair updated the FSEC on an emergency meeting with the Graduate School, Vice Provost Veeger, the FSEC, Faculty Senate Office, and Senator Cardany, Chair of the Curriculum and Standards Committee. Meeting was held per request of Vice Provost Veeger to discuss problems with two online graduate program proposals from College of Business that were brought forward to the Faculty Senate by the graduate school. Both programs listed courses that had not yet been approved by the graduate council. It was decided to return one program to the senate for a rescind vote and return back to the graduate school.
4. MEETING
  - a. (11:15 AM) Diane Goldsmith, Director of Learning, Assessment & Online Education discussed URI Online.
    - i. Director Goldsmith stated that the URI Online applies to accelerated 7-week online programs. The approval process for new online programs is the same as the current process for new programs. Director Goldsmith explained that the state grant money will be used for developing the infrastructure of URI Online. Proposers can apply for seed money to be used for course development. An online program may be suspended or

discontinued if it does not become self-supporting. Director Goldsmith alerted the FSEC that the online committee would like to propose some changes to the University Manual for Faculty Senate consideration. Director Goldsmith departed the meeting at 11:45 AM.

5. ONGOING ITEMS

- a. The FSEC discussed a Student Senate Resolution submitted by the Student Senate regarding duration of final exams for students with disabilities.
- b. Discussion of charge to Service & Community Life postponed.
- c. Agenda for November 21 Faculty Senate Meeting was reviewed and discussed.

ADJOURNMENT at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED