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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)  
Meeting # 15 September 20, 2019 MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER
  - a. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 10:49 AM in Library Conference Room B by Chair Nassersharif, Vice Chair Echevarria, Senators Morokoff, Hicks, and Gindy, were in attendance. Senator Barbour was absent.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. The FSEC Meeting #14 Minutes of Sept 13, 2019 were approved.
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS
  - a. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee discussed the need for a policy on the attendance of Senators at Faculty Senate meetings. Senators should be encouraged to notify the Coordinator in case of absence. It was suggested that an email be sent to those Senators who miss a meeting.
4. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Vice President Abigail Rider joined the meeting at 11:15 AM. She updated the FSEC on the progress of several projects.
    - i. \$400M in projects are responding to growing campus. New “Small Projects” division was established to oversee \$25-150K projects.
    - ii. There will be a new platform to input work request orders which will make it easy to track progress in the system.
    - iii. It would be helpful if the FSEC go through the OPC policy list before Oct 15<sup>th</sup> to determine what policies to keep, revise, or cut/discard. Currently University policies are going through standardization process with the goal of a centralizing policy resources.
    - iv. VP Rider has been working with a consultant and would be happy to share new WordPress program from Figments. VP Rider also stated it would be efficient to simultaneously make changes to the University Manual.
    - v. A draft of the URI International Travel Policy was presented to the FSEC by VP Rider. She asked the FSEC to look at the policy to determine if it needs to go to the Faculty Senate for approval. She asked that this review be done quickly as it is urgent issue.
5. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Vice Chair Echevarria will work with Service and Community Life Chair Christy Ashley to assist in determining goals for 2019-2020.
  - b. Senator Morokoff will speak with Diane Goldsmith, Director of Office for the Advancement of Teaching & Learning regarding the URI Online Initiative.

- c. Meetings to be set up: AAUP Executives, the Provost's office and the FSEC Chair and Vice Chair; AAUP Executive Board and FSEC; and a meeting with the Director of the RI Foundation with the FSEC.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.

APPROVED