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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)  
Minutes of Meeting #28 January 22, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. in Room 364 Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering Building by Chair Nassersharif. Vice Chair Echevarria, Senators Barbour, Gindy, Hicks and Morokoff were in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. FSEC meeting #26 December 13, 2019 Minutes were approved; meeting #27 December 19, 2019 minutes were approved with revisions.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

- a. Chair Nassersharif reported on the meeting he and Vice Chair Echevarria attended with the Provost on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.
  - i. The Provost, still waiting to hear from the Graduate Council chair, continued the discussion of the Graduate School. The Executive Committee will also reach out to the committee chair.
  - ii. The search for the Dean of the Graduate School is expected to commence soon, with two members selected by the Executive Committee.
  - iii. Professor Brand, School of Education, has agreed to be the chair of the Learning Outcomes Oversight Committee (LOOC). The FSEC Committee expressed concern about the remaining vacancies from the Colleges.
  - iv. URI 101 and University College for Academic Success was discussed. The Provost met with the staff and acknowledges the important work they do. Discussion included looking to other universities to compare other models used.
  - v. The budget for the Faculty Senate Office move has been approved.
  - vi. The new Board of Trustees is being finalized by the Governor and will go forward to the State Senate for confirmation. The process is unlikely to be completed by the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The Committee questioned rumors that staff will no longer be considered state employees. The Chair will ask the President for confirmation.
- b. Chair Nassersharif informed the Committee that he met with Vice Provost Libutti. Three topics were discussed.
  - i. Possible administrative changes for admissions to the Providence Campus. Providence currently has different admission standards from the Kingston campus. Changes may result in revisions to the University Manual.
  - ii. Transfer students and policies were discussed, particularly allowing college credits for high school internships.
  - iii. Alternative modes of learning, such as credit for life experience, for transfer students were also discussed.

- c. Chair Nassersharif announced that Professor Moore, Journalism, has agreed to serve on Dean Riley's Administrative Evaluation Committee.
  - d. The Faculty Senate Office has been moved to 224 Pastore, which has a conference room for senate committees to use if requested.
  - e. The Chair explained that the Coordinator will be on medical leave and could be out for up to six weeks.
4. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. The Chair asked for names for the Nominating Committee for the Vice-Chair/Chair elect position. Elections will be held at the February 20, 2020 Faculty Senate meeting. A discussion ensued regarding changing the election date for the Vice-Chair/chair to the April senate meeting in the future.
  - b. There will be a meeting, requested by Senator Honhart, of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure with the Provost and President. Discussion will include IT Gov, the Senate Technology committee, suggestions of the CIO becoming a nonvoting, ex officio member of the Senate Committee, and ways to facilitate a path to work with each other more closely.
5. ONGOING ITEMS
- a. Graduate School
    - i. The Committee discussed the recommendation for two positions on the Graduate School Dean Search Committee.
    - ii. Discussions on the language and need to establish criteria of faculty graduate status are ongoing and needs to incorporate contractual issues.

ADJOURNMENT at 11:03 a.m.