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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Minutes of Meeting #29 January 29, 2020 and January 31, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in President's Conference Room in Green Hall by Chair Nassersharif. Vice Chair Echevarria, Senators Barbour, Gindy, Hicks and Morokoff were in attendance.

2. MEETING WITH PRESIDENT DOOLEY: (9:00 – 10:08 a.m.)

- a. The President gave an update on the formation of the Board of Trustees. The nominees have been selected with the first group beginning the State Legislative confirmation process in January. The President anticipates the Board to convene in March. All meetings are planned to be streamed live from the Higgins Welcome Center.
- b. A discussion ensued on the process of the choosing of the faculty and student members for the Board. The President plans on working with the Student Government and the Executive Committee to fill those positions. The faculty position is open to any level faculty member and need not be a Senator. The Executive Committee will provide the President with a list of 5 candidates for the faculty position.
- c. The President addressed the issue of possible changes, if any, to the employment status for classified employees under the new Board of Trustees. He will confer with Human Resource Administration and report back to the Committee.
- d. The President discussed the state budget gap and explained that the deficit is real, with the state contribution covering only a fraction of the state mandated employee raises. The University is continuing its drive to attain more money from the state.
- e. The Committee asked the President about the bonds appearing on the November ballot. The President responded that the \$57 million bond is for the Phase I-B improvements on Fine Arts Center. Currently Fine Arts is undergoing Phase I-A; Phase II will be private donations raised through fundraising. The second bond for \$10 million will make improvements to Allen Harbor research station in Quonset; \$6-7 million will include a new substantial dock, hardening the shoreline, parking, electrical, and building improvements. The remaining \$3-4 million will provide interested investors to work with URI on new buildings and business.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. FSEC meeting # 28 January 22, 2020 Minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

- a. Chairperson Nassersharif reiterated that a chair for the Learning Outcome Oversight Committee (LOOC) has been appointed. The Committee discussed a request for a temporary process to be put in place to prevent the delay of proposals due to lack of an approved assessment plan. This issue will be forwarded to the Chair of LOOC. The Colleges with vacancies on LOOC will be contacted and asked to address the issue.

5. ONGOING ITEMS

- a. Graduate School: Chair Nassersharif revisited the changes to sections of the University Manual involving graduate school and the graduate council. The Committee convened a meeting to continue these discussions on Friday, January 31, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT at 11:12 a.m.