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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)  
Minutes of Meeting #32 February 19, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 9:04 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 # 31 February 12, 2020 minutes were approved.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Nassersharif reported on the meeting he and Vice Chair Echevarria attended with the President on February 18, 2020.
  - i. The President relayed that the ongoing confirmation process for the new Board of Trustee membership is going well, and the Board should be in place by mid-April. Chair Nassersharif provided the President with 5 names for consideration to fill the faculty representative role on the Board of Trustees.
  - ii. Chair Nassersharif requested the issue of release time for Senate leadership positions be reiterated to the college deans.
  - iii. The President spoke to the situation of the State's budget deficit; the true extent of which will not be known until summer. The President's team is preparing plans to account for any deficit that may affect URI.
  - iv. Chair Nassersharif informed the President that the first piece of legislation to revise the Graduate School and Graduate Council sections of the University Manual will be presented to the Faculty Senate's February meeting.
  - v. The President, Chair, and Vice Chair continued the conversations on the process of suspending programs, and special designations for online programs.
- b. Chair Nassersharif relayed to the Executive Committee that the College of Education and Professional Studies Administrator Evaluation survey was complete. The President's survey has gone out and will close on February 24, 2020. The College of Arts and Sciences survey will close on February 19, 2020.

4. ONGOING ITEMS:

- a. The Committee discussed reviewing the 300- or above-level requirement for BA programs across the Colleges at the University. A member of the Executive Committee will attend the February Curriculum and Standards Committee meeting to discuss this issue.
- b. The Chair informed the Committee that the College budgets are being requested by the Administration. The Committee discussed possible academic and curricular implications in these challenging times.
- c. The Committee continued discussion on the process of the suspension of programs. The Chair of CBUM was asked to review University Manual for possible revision and updating.

ADJOURNMENT at 11:17 a.m.