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Minutes
Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Meeting #42
April 29, 2020, 9:00 – 11:00 AM
April 30, 2020, 9:00 – 11:00 AM
May 1, 2020, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
via Zoom

April 29, 2020, 9:00 – 11:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) Zoom meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM by Chair Nassersharif. Vice Chair Echevarría and Senators Barbour, Gindy, Hicks, Morokoff and Chair of Curriculum and Standards Committee Cardany were in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes of the Faculty Senate Special Meeting of April 2, 2020 were reviewed and approved. Minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting #8 April 16, 2020 were reviewed and approved.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

a) Chair's Announcements/Report

i) Chair Nassersharif and Vice Chair Echevarría reported on their recent meeting with Provost DeHayes and Vice Provost Veeger.

(1) The Provost provided them an update on the search process for a new Graduate School Dean.

(2) The Chair and Vice Chair brought up the formation of a Special Committee on restructuring the Curriculum and Standards Committee and the General Education Subcommittee. Ideally, the special committee would meet over the summer and prepare recommendations for FSEC by early fall. The Chair and Vice Chair also presented the idea of trying to organize summer meetings for certain Senate committees, specifically the Curriculum and Standards Committee and the General Education Subcommittee. The Provost responded favorably to both proposals and requested that budget information be submitted to him providing the number of people and the amount of money that would be needed to support summer meetings for the Senate committees.

(3) The Provost discussed the planning for different scenarios for URI's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic for Fall 2020.

b) Senator Barbour reported on the recent Department Chair forum with the Provost. A request will be made to the Provost for the video link to the recording of the meeting.

c) Vice Chair Echevarría is a member of one of the URI Scenario Planning groups for Fall 2020 and provided an update on key topics and concerns arising in planning discussions.

The meeting ended at 11:08 AM to be reconvened on Thursday, April 30th at 9:00 AM.

Continuation of the FSEC meeting #42 April 30, 2020:

1. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was reconvened and called to order at 9:02 AM by Chair Nassersharif. Vice Chair Echevarría and Senators Barbour, Gindy, Hicks, Morokoff and Vice-Chair elect Cardany were in attendance.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

- a) Chair's Announcements/Report
 - i) Chair Nassersharif reported that President Dooley is in support of changing the titles of the Faculty Senate Chair and Vice Chair to President and Vice President. Discussion included the need to change language in both the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate and also the University Manual. The matter will be brought to the Senate at the May 7th meeting.
 - ii) Chair Nassersharif announced that the Faculty Senate is turning 60 years old and suggested that it become a year-long celebration.

3. Nominations for the Executive Committee and Election Process

- a) Senator Honhart will present nominees for the Executive Committee at the May 7th Faculty Senate meeting. Senator Gindy will prepare the polls and reach out to Vice Provost Bodah and Ann Morrissey, Special Assistant to the Provost for Academic Planning, for assistance in the counting and verifying of the results.

4. Review of Agenda and preparations for FS meeting on May 7, 2020

- a) The agenda for the May 7th Faculty Senate meeting was finalized.

5. Planning and preparation for Fall 2020 semester

- a) Tentative scenarios were discussed.
- b) Concerns about the amount of time faculty will have to prepare for different scenarios were discussed.

The meeting ended at 11:00 AM to be continued on Friday, May 1st at 10:30 AM.

Continuation of the FSEC meeting #42 May 1st, 2020:

1. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was reconvened and called to order at 10:30 AM by Chair Nassersharif. Vice Chair Echevarría and Senators Barbour, Gindy, Hicks, Morokoff and Chair of Curriculum and Standards Committee Cardany were in attendance.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

- a) FSEC discussed the proposal to change Faculty Senate Executive Committee officers' titles at the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting.

3. UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATES

- a) The FSEC further discussed undergraduate certificates. The University Manual currently requires non-matriculating students to be enrolled through the Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Education and Professional Studies. A proposal to change the language to broaden admissions pathways for students in Undergraduate Certificate programs was discussed. A motion was made, seconded and approved to change University Manual language to permit students to gain admission to Undergraduate Certificate programs through the Office of Admissions, and not solely through the College of Education and Professional Studies:

8.20.72 Students pursuing solely an Undergraduate Certificate must be admitted through **the Office of Admissions or** the Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Education and Professional Studies, Office of Strategic Initiatives upon the recommendation of the appropriate admissions officer.

- b) The Executive Committee agreed to alert the Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies to this change as soon as possible.

4. CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO THE GENERAL EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEES

- a) Senate Vice Chair Elect Cardany proposed a special ad hoc committee, with no more than six members, whose purpose will be to study the structure of the Curriculum and Standards Committee over the summer and to draft recommendations on changes based on documentation and surveys from the C&S and General Education subcommittee. Senators Cardany and Hicks agreed to serve on the committee. The Executive Committee decided that the remaining four members of the Special Committee should be previous members of the Curriculum and Standards and General Education committees, or Senators interested in curriculum matters. The Special Committee will report back to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee with recommendations in the fall.
- b) A motion was made, seconded and approved to establish the Special Committee.
- c) Senator Cardany left the meeting once this motion was approved.

5. AWARDS

- a) A motion was made, seconded and approved for Senator Art Mead to receive the 2020 Sheila Grubman Faculty Outstanding Service Award.
- b) A motion was made, seconded and approved for Senator Audrey Cardany to receive the inaugural Fritz Wenisch Award Exceptional Contribution to the Faculty Senate.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- a) The meeting adjourned 12:32 PM