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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) Via Zoom  
Meeting #43, May 6, 2020 Minutes  
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) WebEx meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by Chair Nassersharif. Vice-Chair Echevarria and Senators Barbour, Gindy, Hicks, Morokoff and Vice Chair-elect Cardany were in attendance
2. **APPROVAL of MINUTES** for the FSEC meeting of April 29, 2020, was deferred.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS** It was announced that Vice Chair-elect Cardany will be joining the URI Scenario Planning for Fall 2020 Committee
4. The FSEC reviewed the agenda for the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Faculty Senate meeting. The process for conducting voting of new Executive Committee members while using WebEx was considered. Vice Provosts Bodah and Veeger will be asked to assist in validating votes for the election of new Faculty Senate Executive Committee members.
5. The FSEC discussed the Landscape Architecture program and the recent communication from Department Chair Will Green concerning a possible move for the Landscape Architecture Program from the College of Arts & Sciences to the College of Environmental Life Sciences. This move would require votes by each college faculty.
6. Vice-Chair Echevarria updated the FSEC on the planning and preparation of the Scenario Planning for Fall 2020 semester committee. She commended the quick response of the Provost and open communication.
7. The implications of Rhode Island state budget conditions on academic programs is still uncertain. It was noted that the Strategic Budget and Planning Council (SBPC) meetings have been canceled. A question was raised as to whether the SBPC should play a role in determining how possible budget cuts would be enacted.
8. **ADJOURNMENT** The FSEC meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.