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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Meeting #5 June 9, 2020 Minutes**

Via Zoom

1. Call to Order

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by Chair Echevarria. Vice-Chair Cardany, Senators Barbour, Hicks, Morokoff, and Welters were in attendance.

2. Announcements and Updates

- a. Chair Echevarria reported on the recent meeting with President Dooley and Vice Chair Cardany. The following topics were discussed during the meeting:
 - i. The President reiterated the uncertainty of the University budget as the State of Rhode Island contribution to URI may not be finalized until the RI budget is passed in August.
 - ii. The President updated the Chair and Vice Chair on scenario planning for Fall 2020 and discussed the importance of full community compliance with rigorous safety measures and protocols for on-campus presence.
 - iii. The status of the Strategic Budget and Planning Council was discussed. The President would like to reconvene a meeting of the Strategic Budget and Planning Council once fiscal details are clearer.
 - iv. The President provided an update on the Board of Trustees (BoT). There is a BoT meeting scheduled at the end of June with the main agenda being a shared governance orientation.
 - v. The process of the Presidential search by the Board of Trustees was discussed in addition to future Presidential reviews. The President and the FSEC Chair would like to formalize and synchronize the timing of Senate review processes and future Presidential reviews by the BoT. The President reported that he will recommend key members of the BoT involved in the Presidential search plan to meet with the FSEC to provide updates on the process.
- b. Vice President Rider will meet next week with the FSEC to discuss new and updated Title IX Regulations. VP Rider will meet with the Chair prior to discussion with the full FSEC at the next meeting on June 16th 2020.
- c. Vice Chair Cardany provided an update on the Curriculum Management System (CMS) search. The final vendor presentation will be Thursday June 11,

2020 at 1 PM. The Committee will write a final report and submit their CMS recommendations to the Provost. The Committee feels strongly it should continue their work despite the uncertainties surrounding the budget.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of FSEC Meeting #4 June 2, 2020 were not available for review or approval. This item was postponed to the next FSEC meeting.

4. Discussion ensued regarding how governance and administrative policies become part of the University Manual. The Center Review Committee was discussed and a Center Review folder was created on the FACSEN drive containing all available CR committee files and email correspondence.

5. The FSEC discussed Fall admissions concerns of Vice Provost Libutti who contacted the FSEC Chair. A number of schools are making the SAT optional due to the complicating factors of the COVID19 pandemic and the administration of the SAT by the Educational Testing Service during Spring 2020. Discussion identified concerns that for some programs SAT may be a critical measure for determining admissions decisions.

a. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to support a pilot program making the SAT optional for Fall 2021 admissions.

6. The Director of Learning Assessment and Online Teaching, Diane Goldsmith, contacted the FSEC with concerns regarding the Google docs assistive writing feature that is an option in the new Google Educational Suite.

a. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for the FSEC to recommend that support for the Google Assistive Writing feature not be included in the Google Educational Suite used on campus.

The Chair will contact Chief Information Officer, Karlis Kaugars, regarding the assistive writing module.

7. The FSEC discussed the review and job description of the Director of General Education (GE). In order to address the demonstrated need to be in accord with the University Manual, the FSEC worked on clarifying the description of the Director of General Education position. The FSEC Chair will share the report with the Director of General Education and meet to discuss it with her and will subsequently submit the performance review and decision about reappointment to the Provost.

8. The FSEC Committee reviewed a request from the College of A&S for one-credit GCH courses to be taught this Fall. GCH are topic shells and must go through the approval process. Currently the FSEC agreed to organize a meeting of the Curriculum and Standards Committee to approve courses already in the curricular approval pipeline. One

credit X Courses may be feasible in this instance because they do not require a Senate vote.

9. AAUP Shared Governance webinar debriefing was postponed.

10. Committee appointments were postponed until the next meeting. The Chair provided preliminary appointment suggestions for the Committee to consider prior to the next meeting.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM.