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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)**  
**Minutes of Meeting #6 June 16, 2020 Via Zoom**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by Chair Echevarria. Vice Chair Cardany, Senators Barbour, Hicks, Morokoff, and Welters were in attendance in addition to guests, Vice President for Administration and Finance Abigail Rider, and Assistant Vice President for Enterprise Risk Management Kara Larsen.

**2. PRESENTATION**

Vice President Abigail Rider and Assistant Vice President Kara Larsen presented and discussed the new US Department of Education (DOE) regulations on Title IX regarding sexual misconduct which have a mandated August 14, 2020 deadline for nation-wide implementation. URI has been working with a law firm and our own General Counsel on a draft policy that conforms to new Title IX regulations. VP Rider requested that the Committee on Bylaws, Constitution, and University Manual (CBUM) examine language in the University Manual to ensure that the implementation of Title IX does not interfere with other University policies. It was noted that the new regulations may also impact the Student Handbook. VP Rider and Assistant VP Larsen will share Title IX resources and a draft policy with the FSEC by June 26th. VP Rider and Assistant VP Larsen then departed the meeting.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

**Report on meeting with the Provost on June 15, 2020:** The Chair and Vice Chair reported on their recent meeting with the Provost. The Provost will report on Fall 2020 to faculty leadership on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, the Chair, and Vice Chair will both attend. The closure of the Alton Jones Campus was briefly discussed. The Provost provided an update on the current URI budget situation. Fall course delivery was discussed, as well as the extensive measures by ATL to set faculty up for the highest levels of online / remote and blended teaching excellence. Summer Faculty Senate Committee meetings were discussed with the Provost, and the Chair and Vice Chair agreed to be as fiscally conservative and responsible as possible when planning such meetings. The Provost agreed to fund meetings for time-sensitive work. The Chair suggested convening the Curriculum and Standards Committee solely to review proposals and other matters directly impacting the fall schedule. The Provost agreed with that strategy.

Black Lives Matter was discussed. The FSEC Chair made a number of suggestions for ways that URI can act in the near future, including focusing the next Academic Summit

on anti-racism, and creating an internal competitive grant for research on anti-racism, in addition to other recommendations. The Provost reported there will be a call for proposals for the Multicultural Fellows Program. The Provost reported that there has not yet been a formal announcement about Graduate School leadership.

b. **1-credit courses from A&S:** A&S will present proposals for one-credit courses that the Curriculum & Standards Committee will review during a summer meeting.

c. **Review Process of General Education Director:** The FSEC Chair completed the review of the General Education Director. After meeting with the General Education Director to discuss the review, she will submit it to the Provost.

d. **Upcoming meeting with President Dooley on June 17, 2020:** The meeting with President Dooley was postponed to later in the week.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. The minutes of [FSEC Meeting #4 June 2, 2020](#) were reviewed and approved.

b. The minutes of [FSEC Meeting #5 June 9, 2020](#) were reviewed and approved.

6. **FS MESSAGE: BLACK LIVES MATTER**

a. The FSEC Chair will draft a Community Statement from the FSEC and develop ideas for draft charges for Faculty Senate Standing Committees that FSEC will discuss.

b. Vice Chair Cardany created a folder in the Google Drive for BLM resources.

7. [Senate Standing Committee appointments](#). The Chair highlighted discrepancies in the total number of Senators between AY19-20 and AY20-21 and asked the Coordinator to investigate the issue. The Chair presented nominations for Committee Chairs, and noted that once FSEC completes the process of making Standing Committee appointments, she will focus on joint committee appointments.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the nominations as presented.

8. **ONLINE PEDAGOGY CONCERNS:** postponed until the next meeting.

9. **SHARED GOVERNANCE DEBRIEF:** postponed until the next meeting.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 12:09 PM.