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Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Meeting #7 June 25, 2020 Via Zoom
Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 11:04 AM by Chair Echevarria. Vice-Chair Cardany, Senators Barbour, Hicks, Morokoff, and Welters were in attendance.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

- a. The Chair and Vice Chair reported on the recent meeting with President Dooley. Among the items discussed were the plans for the upcoming Fall 2020 semester, possible changes to the Fall academic calendar, the URI Campus response to Black Lives Matter (BLM), the search process for the position of Dean of the Graduate School, the implementation in the Title IX regulations, and the Space Enhancement Design and Allocation Committee (SEDA)
- b. The FSEC Committee reviewed committee vacancies and nominated Senators for various positions. Two Senators have stepped down and will need to be replaced.
- c. The Chair shared the results of investigating the Google Education Suite. The assistive writing feature is part of the Google Suite and cannot be turned off.
- d. The FSEC Chair followed up with VP Rider on the Title IX issue. VP Rider will talk to the AAUP after consulting with the URI General Counsel.
- e. The Chair reported on her meeting with Assistant Vice President (AVP) and Chief Diversity Officer, Mary Grace Almandrez and others. The meeting participants were committed to bringing about positive changes and positive outcomes for the URI community.
- f. The FSEC Committee agreed that the URI Online Seed Grant Applications could be linked to the Faculty Senate webpage.

3. Approval of minutes

- a. Review and approval of the minutes of [FSEC Meeting #6 June 16, 2020](#) were postponed to the next FSEC meeting.

4. Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Social Justice, and Black Lives Matter

- a. The FSEC statement to Senators was discussed and finalized. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Faculty Senate Executive Committee statement on Black Lives Matter.

An additional motion was made, seconded and approved to send the Faculty Senate Executive Committee Statement on Black Lives Matter to all Senators, ex officio members of the Faculty Senate, and to the AVP and Chief Diversity Officer, Mary Grace Almandrez and the Community & Organizational Development Director, Joanne Ravello. The FSEC statement will also be posted on the Faculty Senate website.

b. There was a discussion of the AY20-21 work of each Faculty Senate Standing committee which will be guided by a specific charge from the FSEC around anti-racism.

5. The addition of an extra day of teaching to the AY 2020-2021 Academic Calendar was discussed by the FSEC. The Chair will check with Provost DeHayes and Vice Provost Veeger on the possibility of having Tuesday, September 8th added as an extra day of teaching.

6. The Faculty Senate Specialist reviewed the new Title IX regulations and the URI University Manual and forwarded the findings to the Committee on Bylaws, and the University Manual for additional review.

7. The FSEC Online pedagogy concerns were discussed on delivering Fall 2020 to students as best as possible, which will entail having a strong collaboration and mutually supportive relationship with ATL. The Director of Learning, Assessment and Online Education, Diane Goldsmith will be invited to a future FSEC meeting.

8. The FSEC discussed the recent AAUP Shared Governance webinar.

9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1 PM.