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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)  
Minutes of Meeting #8 July 1, 2020 via Zoom**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM by Chair Echevarria. Vice-Chair Cardany, Senators Barbour, Morokoff, and Welters were in attendance. Senator Hicks was absent.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

- a. The FSEC Chair reported waiting for commitments from Senators who have been nominated to chair committees. Several Senators are postponing decisions on chairmanships pending information on workload adjustments from their respective departments.
- b. The Chair met with Dr. Joanna Ravello, the Director of Community & Organizational Development in the Office of Community, Equity, and Diversity (CED). Initiatives discussed included new Microcredentials on diversity and inclusion and the launch of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I) 365 Symposium available to faculty, students, and staff.
- c. Vice-Chair Cardany reported that the CMS RFP was completed yesterday with the assistance of Purchasing. All three of the companies vying for the contract were very good.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes of [FSEC Meeting #6 June 16, 2020](#) were postponed for further revision.
- b. The minutes of [FSEC Meeting #7 June 25, 2020](#) were approved.

4. The discussion of the new Title IX regulations and the University Manual was postponed.

5. The Special Committee on the refinement of Curricular Committees was discussed. Committee members include Vice Chair Cardany. The Special Committee will consider making the General Education Sub-committee a full committee charged with, among other duties, approving General Education proposals for new and existing courses.

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

- a. The FSEC discussed a letter from a group of URI staff sent to the President, and shared by CED with the FSEC. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to refer the matter to the General Education Sub-committee.
- b. The FSEC discussed the [Faculty letter on police](#) forwarded by Senator Trimm. Departments have been asked to vote on their support for the letter. The letter is not from the Faculty Senate.

- c. The [FS Committee charges](#) on Antiracism, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice for each of the FS standing committees were reviewed and deliberated on by the FSEC

- i. The FSEC discussed the [Kingston Library: decontextualized Malcolm X quote](#).

7. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the FSEC Chair discussed proactively considering changes to the Academic Calendar for Spring 2021. Manual language stipulates that calendar changes must be made 18 months in advance, however in the event of a natural calamity that can change (UM 8.70.13-14). Senator Welter and Chair Echevarría will reach out to key stakeholders to discuss the possibilities.

8. Discussion on Fall 2020 excellence in teaching and learning was postponed for further discussion to the next FSEC meeting.

9. FS Coordinator report on the FSEC file sharing system was postponed to the next meeting.

10. FS Coordinator report on the [URI Ombudsman](#) was postponed to the next meeting.

11. Senator Morokoff reported that the University Council on Diversity will be having a retreat this summer.

12. The meeting adjourned at 12:26 PM.