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Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Minutes of Meeting #9 July 8, 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., Senators Barbour, Morokoff, and Welters were in attendance. Vice Chair Cardany was absent and Senator Hicks attended part of the meeting.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

a. The FSEC Chair provided updates on the process of appointing Chairs for Faculty Senate Standing Committees.

b. The URI Board of Trustees faculty member representative, Professor Gindy, recently attended an orientation of the new URI Board of Trustees. The Chair of the FSEC will extend an invitation to Professor Gindy to update the FSEC on the work of the URI Board of Trustees.

c. Next week's meeting on Wednesday, July 15th will be rescheduled from the regularly scheduled time to 2:00-4:00 PM.

3. Approval of minutes

a. The approval of the minutes of FSEC Meeting #6 June 16, 2020, was postponed pending revision.

b. The approval of the minutes of FSEC Meeting #8 July 1, 2020, was postponed pending revision.

4. The discussion on the New Title IX regulations and the University Manual led by Senator Hicks was postponed to the next FSEC meeting.

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

a. The FSEC reviewed, discussed, and finalized a draft of FS Standing Committee charges which will be shared with FS Committee Chairs for discussion and revision.

b. The FSEC discussed the Kingston Library: decontextualized Malcolm X quote. The Chair and Vice-Chair will discuss it in upcoming conversations with the President and the Provost.

6. Senator Welter reported on positive feedback on potential changes to the Academic Calendar for Spring 2021 from the Summer Sessions and J-Term Assistant Director Olerio, Vice Provost Libutti, and Kelly Watts from the Office of International Education. Chair Echevarria reported that Vice Provost Veeger responded favorably to this idea. FSEC agreed to explore the idea and its potential implications further and to reach out to more key stakeholders prior to making any decisions.

7. Fall 2020 excellence in teaching and learning

- a. The FSEC discussed a response to a concerned faculty member. The Chair will respond on behalf of the FSEC.
- b. The FSEC discussed the advisability of sending a statement to encourage faculty to take advantage of opportunities available through the Office for the Advancement of Teaching & Learning (ATL) to assist with the challenges of preparing courses for online, remote and blended delivery this fall.
- c. The FSEC discussed issues relating to academic integrity and agreed that it would be appropriate to refer the matter to the Teaching, Advising and Assessment committee.

8. The FS Coordinator reported on a recent meeting with the Associate Director of IT Services, Bob Viens, Information Technologist, Phil Teixeira, Faculty Senate Specialist, Joanne Lawrence, and FS student employee Dan Lannon to discuss the FSEC file sharing and filing system. Moving forward, after considering several options such as Brightspace and a Microsoft cloud option, it was recommended the Faculty Senate office store files and data on a shared google drive. Storing data on a Google drive will facilitate the process of moving data to the Digital Commons archive.

9. The FS Coordinator reported on a meeting with former Professor's Gerry Tyler and Al Killea the URI Ombudsmen. They are both willing to continue with their shared position. After FSEC discussion, the FS Coordinator was asked to draft a letter for their re-appointment, expressing appreciation for their effectiveness and dedication.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 PM.