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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)**  
**Draft Minutes of Meeting #10 July 15, 2020 via Zoom**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 2:07 PM by Chair Echevarria. Vice Chair Cardany, Senators Barbour, Hicks, Morokoff, and Welters were in attendance.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

- a. The Chair of the FSEC will extend an invitation to Mayrai Gindy, Faculty Representative to the URI Board of Trustees, to meet with the FSEC on July 22.
- b. The Chair and the Vice Chair reported on their July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with Provost and Vice Provost.
  - i. The Provost mentioned that the State budget for FY21 will not be finalized by the RI General Assembly until late August or September.
  - ii. Fall 2020 COVID-19 safety measures, options and precautions for on-campus Faculty and students were discussed.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes of the FSEC Meeting #6 June 16, 2020 were approved as amended.
- b. The approval of minutes of FSEC Meeting #8 July 1, 2020 and FSEC Meeting #9 July 8, 2020 were postponed pending revisions.

**4. NEW TITLE IX REGULATIONS** Senator Hicks reported on the new Title IX rules and regulations and the implications on the language of the University Manual. Senator Hicks cautioned moving forward without more discussion between the Administration, AAUP and students.

- a. A motion was made seconded and approved to have Senator Hicks reach out to Vice President of Administration Abigail Rider to share and discuss her findings on the implications of Title IX on the University Manual.

5. The FSEC discussed options for the Academic Calendar for Spring 2021. It was agreed that the Chair would consult with Senator Meyerson, Chair of the Academic Calendar Subcommittee to discuss the matter further.

6. A message for faculty focused on preparing for the Fall 2020 semester was discussed by the FSEC. Once complete, it will be sent to all faculty.

**7. COMMITTEES**

- a. The FSEC Chair reported that several Senators have confirmed their willingness to serve as committee chairs: Senator Eaton, Center Review Committee; Senator Pearson-Merkowitz, Committee on Technology and Infrastructure; Senator Rice,

Constitution, Bylaws and University Manual; Senator Mead, General Education Subcommittee; Senator Meyerson, Academic Calendar Subcommittee, and Senator Derbyshire, Service and Community Life.

- b. Once Committees are in place, the FSEC will discuss suggested charges for Faculty Senate Standing Committee work for the AY20-21 with the Committee Chairs.
- c. Senator Barbour explained the work and history of the Academic Program Review Committee. Appointments to Joint Committees were postponed pending finalization of appointments to FS Standing Committees. The FS Coordinator will update the google document on committee membership requirements.

#### **8. SENATE AND ATL**

- a. The Chair reported that Faculty Development will sponsor a seminar Ethics Across the Curriculum from August 11 to August 14<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Vice Chair Cardany will organize a meeting with Senators Mead and Meyerson, Anna Santucci, ATL Faculty Development Specialist and Rachel DiCioccio, the Director of General Education to discuss GE rubrics.

9. The FSEC agreed to cancel the FSEC meetings scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

10. The discussion on the support for the Africana Studies Department was postponed to the next FSEC meeting.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM.