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Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)

Minutes of Meeting #12 July 29, 2020, via [Zoom](#)

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Echevarria called the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting to order at 10:02 AM. Vice Chair Cardany, Senators Barbour, Hicks, Morokoff, and Welters were in attendance.
2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**
 1. Chair Echevarría updated the FSEC on the following topics:
 1. **Meeting with the President:** Chair Echevarría reported on the recent meeting she and Vice Chair Cardany had with President Dooley. Among the issues discussed were the Fall 2020 opening, and the URI budget. Chair Echevarria expressed a desire to meet with the Board of Trustees (BOT) during their upcoming meeting in September. The President will speak to Chair Cook and Vice Chair McNally regarding a meeting with the FSEC during the September BOT retreat and a possible BOT presentation at the Faculty Senate meeting on September 17, 2020. The President will review the scheduled evaluation of administrators during this academic year and report back to the Chair. During the meeting, the Malcolm X quote, quoted out of context above the entrance to the library, was discussed.
 2. **Spring 2021 Academic Calendar:** The Chair has reached out to Senator Meyerson, the Chair of the Academic Calendar Committee, to discuss the possible changes to the Spring 2020 calendar.
 3. **Academic Testing Center:** The Academic Testing Center will be closed for the Fall 2020 semester due to COVID-19 safety and public health concerns . The FSEC discussed possible scenarios to assist students and faculty who will be affected by this closure.
 4. **University Diversity Committee:** The Chair will invite Mary Grace Almandrez and Jen Riley of the University Diversity Committee to meet with FSEC.
 5. The Chair met with Anthony LaRoche of URI Communications & Marketing, who interviewed her for an article on the University preparations for the fall reopening .
 6. Dean Graney contacted the FS Chair regarding the new Title IX regulations and their impact on the Student Handbook.

2. Vice Chair Cardany reported that:
 1. The work of the Special Committee on Curriculum Refinement has begun successfully, and they are developing and analyzing multiple proposals.
 2. During the special summer meeting, the Curriculum and Standards Committee approved organizational changes, from Programs to Departments for African Studies and Gender and Women's Studies, which will be presented at the September Faculty Senate meeting for approval. The Committee also approved X courses, which will appear in the next Temporary Course Newsletter on the last day of July.
 3. The Special Committee on General Education Rubric Calibration meeting is scheduled for Thursday.
3. Senator Hicks is waiting on communication with VP Rider concerning Title IX regulations.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 1. The revised minutes of the FSEC Meeting #10 on July 15, 2020, were approved.
 2. Approval of the minutes of the FSEC Meeting #11 on July 22, 2020, was postponed pending revision.
- 4. COMMITTEES**
 1. The Chair reported that she is waiting for confirmation from several Senators on their acceptance of Chair appointments to Standing Committees.
 2. The FSEC discussed Joint Committee appointments.
5. In response to a request from Vice Provost of Enrollment Services Libutti, there was a discussion by the FSEC on remote instruction and J-term online courses. The FSEC advised to continue with the remote modality of instruction into the J-term and advised modifying the J-term proposal form so that in order to teach remotely during the J-Term, faculty may simply complete one of the various ATL professional development programs in online pedagogy.
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 PM.