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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)**  
**Minutes of FSEC Meeting #14 August 26, 2020 Via Zoom**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by Chair Echevarria. Vice Chair Cardany, Senators Barbour, Hicks, Morokoff, and Welters were in attendance.
2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**
  - a. Chair Echevarría reported on the following:
    - i. The recent meeting she and Vice Chair Cardany had with the President. During the meeting, the President provided an update on Fall COVID-19 preparations for students and faculty. It was also reported that the Chair of the Board of Trustees (BoT), Margo Cook, will meet with the Chair and Vice Chair on September 17 and will also give a presentation at the Faculty Senate meeting on September 17.
    - ii. Mary Grace Almandrez and Jen Riley of the University Diversity Committee will attend the FSEC meeting on September 2.
    - iii. The Chair updated the FSEC on the status of appointments to Standing and Joint Committees.
    - iv. FSEC will hold a series of brief “beginning of the year check-in” meetings with the Faculty Senate Standing Committee and Subcommittee Chairs on September 8.
  - b. Vice Chair Cardany reported on and discussed the progress of the Special Committee for Curricular Structure Refinement.
  - c. Senator Hicks recommended that the Constitution, Bylaws, and University Manual Committee (CBUM) review University Manual changes concerning Title IX policy and University Manual and potential FS By-Law changes to adjust time limits for online FS Meetings.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. The revised minutes of FSEC Meeting #12 of July 29, 2020, and the new minutes of FSEC Meeting #13 of August 19, 2020, were postponed for further revision.
4. The “About the Faculty Senate” informational document was reviewed and finalized for use at the New Faculty Orientation on August 31, 2020.
5. The letter of appointment for the two URI Ombudsman positions was reviewed and discussed. The Faculty Senate Coordinator will prepare a revision of the letter.

## **6. SENATE MEETINGS**

- a. The FSEC discussed the difficulties of the poll feature of Zoom. The Vice Chair agreed to work with the FS Coordinator to research this topic and bring information back to the next FSEC meeting.
  - b. The FSEC reviewed a draft of the Faculty Senate Boot Camp meeting for new Senators scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. The Vice Chair will review and update the mock parliamentary procedures demonstration. The Coordinator and the Vice Chair will meet to review the information used in previous Boot Camp meetings. The Coordinator will confirm the attendance of the Parliamentarian and the President at the special meeting.
  - c. Review of the September Senate meeting agenda was postponed to the next FSEC meeting.
7. The FSEC briefly discussed the BoT By-laws. Also discussed were the recommendations for the BoT response to Senate legislation: notice vs. approval. Further discussion on the topic was postponed to the next FSEC meeting.
  8. Discussion on URI 101 was postponed due to time constraints.
  9. Further discussion on Faculty Senate membership was postponed.
  10. Discussion on the Graduate School was postponed due to time constraints.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 PM.