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Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)

Minutes of Meeting #17 September 16, 2020, Via WebEx

CALL TO ORDER The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM by Chair Echevarria. Vice Chair Cardany, Senators Barbour, Hicks, Morokoff, and Welters were in attendance.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

1. The Chair updated the FSEC on the recent meeting with President Dooley and the status of the upcoming Administrator Evaluations.
2. The Chair met with Board of Trustees Chair Cook, who provided a timeline for the Presidential search. Trustee Tom Ryan will chair the Presidential Search Committee.
3. Dean Boughida contacted the FSEC Chair to discuss the concerns of the FSEC regarding the out-of-context Malcolm X quote on the URI library.
4. The Chair and Vice Chair met with Provost DeHayes, Vice Provost Veeger, and Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees (BOT) Professor Gindy to discuss the curriculum approval process and the nature and timing of review of and response to Senate actions and legislation.
5. The Chair asked the FS Coordinator to review and proofread the draft of the Faculty Senate website.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The approval of the minutes of FSEC Meeting #15 September 2, 2020, was postponed for further review and corrections.
2. The minutes of the FSEC Meeting #16 on September 9, 2020, were approved as amended.
3. FSEC reviewed with the FS Specialist and the FS Coordinator the roles, procedures, and timing for the September 17, 2020, Faculty Senate meeting.
4. Board of Trustees (BOT)
 1. The Vice Chair reported that the Faculty Senate should be prepared to provide a full description of the curricular approval process to the BOT. The FS Specialist met with the Vice Chair to examine the current BOT bylaws and the current FS curricular and program approval processes. The FSEC discussed what items the BOT should approve and notice, and what items should be informational.

2. The Vice Chair developed a document in the FSEC Google drive for committee feedback on recommendations regarding the nature and timing of BOT review of and response to Senate actions and legislation. The discussion will continue electronically.
5. The discussion on Faculty Senate membership was postponed until the data from Director of Institutional Research, John Stringer, is received.
6. The Chair requested the FS Coordinator send an email to the FSEC and set up a folder in the FACSEN Google drive with reports from the Task Force on URI 101 and the FS Committee on Teaching Advising and Assessment response to the report.
7. The Vice Chair provided an update on the Special Committee for Curriculum Structure Refinement. The Committee met three times, looking at the best scenarios to create a more equitable distribution of work across Senate committees. They have discussed the advantages and disadvantages of both separating the committees and having one large committee.
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 PM.