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Minutes of Meeting #19 of September 30, 2020
Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)

CALL TO ORDER The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM by Chair Echevarria. Vice Chair Cardany, Senators Barbour, Hicks, Morokoff, and Welters were in attendance. Guest: President Dooley.

1. President Dooley met with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee
 1. The President updated the FSEC on the URI 2021 and 2022 budget outlook.
 2. The President reported that COVID-19 testing and contact tracing has been going well with a 2% COVID positivity rate over the last seven days. A testing site has been set up in front of the Memorial Union by Health Services. URI is also in the process of purchasing additional COVID-19 tests for the Spring semester. The President urges faculty and staff to get a flu shot.
 3. The President said he is supportive of the Provost initiating a formal search process for a permanent Graduate School Dean as soon as possible.
 4. It is an exciting time for the URI community, the President said as the Chair and the Board of Trustees want to learn about URI and the URI Community. The President was asked how the FSEC should approach the issue of the BOT response to Senate legislation.
 5. The President informed the FSEC that the executive search firm Isaacson, Miller, has been contracted to assist in the presidential search. They will meet with the Presidential Search Committee, chaired by Tom Ryan, and the Advisory Committee next week to begin the search process. He anticipates the selection of finalists as early as March or April. There will be an announcement next week on the membership of the Presidential Advisory and Search Committees.

The President left the meeting at 3:05 PM.

3. Announcements and updates

1. Senator Morokoff will connect with the Co-Chairs of the University Diversity Council (UDC), AVP Almandrez, and Dean Riley, to discuss concerns regarding the composition of and appointments to college diversity committees.
2. Chair Echevarria reported on attending a UDC meeting last week. The discussion focused on professional development for faculty.
3. The Faculty Senate Referendum #1 will be sent to the General Faculty this week with a voting deadline of October 7, 2020.
4. The review of unapproved minutes from September FSEC meetings was postponed to the next meeting of the FSEC, pending further review and revision.
5. The FSEC discussed several nominees to be appointed to serve on VP Snyder's administrator review committee. Those names will be forwarded to the Administrator Evaluation Coordinator.
6. The Chair and Vice Chair will meet with the Provost and the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees (BOT), Professor Gindy, to discuss the BOT response to Senate legislation. The Chair reported that she and Vice Chair Cardany would also meet with BOT Chair Margo Cook and the

Chair of the BOT Academic Affairs, Research, and Student Life Committee, Cecilia Rouse in October. She also reported that the FS Chair and FS Vice Chair would present at a meeting of the BOT Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life Committee, when the Board of Trustees meets in October.

The meeting adjourned at 4 PM.