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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) Meeting #26**  
**November 18, 2020**  
**Minutes**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** FS President Echevarria called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM. Senate Vice President Cardany, Senators Barbour, Hicks, Morokoff, and Welters were in attendance.
2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**
  - a. There were no updates on scholarships for members of the Narragansett tribe.
  - b. Senator Welters reported on several concerns raised within the College of Business (COB) Dean's office. One issue related to difficulties military applicants face during the admissions process. Another issue was the length of time needed for minor changes to go through the FS approval process. The Faculty Senate Specialist reported that the approval processing time for minor changes would be much faster if initially submitted error-free. Another issue brought to Senator Welters' attention by the COB was the permissibility of holding seventy-five-minute classes twice a week as opposed to three fifty-minute class sessions through the week. This item had been referred to the Academic Calendar Committee in the past.
  - c. The Faculty Senate Coordinator forwarded to the President and the Provost the proposed BOT-related changes to the University Manual (developed by CBUM and reviewed by FSEC) for their review before bringing those changes forward for full Senate approval. The President and the Provost will review and discuss the changes carefully to ensure complete consistency between the University Manual, the BOT bylaws, and Rhode Island legislation.
  - d. The Faculty Coordinator updated the FSEC on the progress of the Administrator Evaluations.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. The FSEC postponed the approval of minutes from the November 12 FSEC meeting #25.
4. The FSEC discussed the two meetings with FS Standing Committee Chairs concerning student success for Fall 2020 and their recommendations. The FSEC suggested that faculty consider implementing the extensive measures already available to create more flexibility for students facing a wide range of difficulties.
5. The FSEC reviewed the final agenda for FS meeting #3 on November 19, 2020.

6. The FS President drafted a response to the message received from Arts and Sciences (A&S) concerning an ad hoc committee established to explore the C3 General Education requirement for A&S Students. The FSEC response reminded A&S that the University's General Education program was adopted as one unified program for all URI students. It would be a concern if colleges proposed independently determining specific outcomes that address their particular students' unique needs.
7. The FSEC reviewed a draft statement to the Provost concerning the BOT approval process currently under consideration. FSEC unanimously agreed that the BOT should not review the pre-proposals available at the JCAP level of the approval process.
8. The Provost has invited the FSEC to nominate faculty to serve on search committees for the Graduate School Dean and the Dean of the College of Engineering.
9. The meeting adjourned at 4 PM.