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Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Meeting #28 December 2, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER** FS President Echevarria called the FSEC meeting to order at 1:34 PM. FS Vice President Cardany and Senators Barbour, Hicks, Morokoff, and Welters were in attendance.
2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**
 - a. The FS President and Vice President have a meeting next week with Professor Cheryl Wilga to discuss an NSF Advance partnership proposal that focuses on increasing the representation of women and, especially women of color, among STEM faculty.
 - b. The Provost will be attending the FSEC meeting on December 16.
 - c. FS President Echevarria and Vice President Cardany will be organizing a meeting with Student Senate President Ramsay, Vice President Ramsay, and Student Academic Representative McGrath to continue conversations and to strengthen the relationship between the Student Senate and the Faculty Senate.
 - d. Professor Gomez-Chiarri has agreed to serve on the Administrator Evaluation Committee (AEC) of CIO Kaugar, the FS Coordinator reported. Dean Boughida's AEC is waiting for one more nomination before it can begin its work.
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. The [FS Meeting minutes November 19, 2020](#), and [Special Meeting November 25, 2020](#), were approved as revised and corrected.
4. The FSEC debriefed the Faculty Senate Special Meeting and discussed questions that arose from the Second Grade Option passage, including related emails received in the FS office. FSEC noted that communication is critical to enhancing student success, and a multi-prong approach may be best. The FSEC suggested several communication options, including referrals to Teaching, Advising, and Assessment, the University Handbook, and University College advisors. Instructors in URI 101 classes should be encouraged to review student success resources and options. The FSEC discussed a reminder be sent to Deans and Associate Deans on available assistance to aid student success. Associate Deans should also be encouraged to notify their staff, who are frequently the front line when interacting with students, on available academic resources to aid in student success.
5. The FSEC discussed recent communications from a faculty member with concerns relating to diversity, equity and inclusion. The FSEC will ask all Senate committees to submit an interim report on committee charges regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice for February. FSEC Committee liaisons will meanwhile reach out and speak with each committee chair.
6. The FSEC will send the question of honorary degree revocation to the Honorary Degree Committee.
7. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 3:26 PM.