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Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Meeting #29 December 9, 2020
MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** President Echevarria called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM. Vice President Cardany, Senators Barbour, Hicks, Morokoff, and Welters were in attendance.
2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**
 - a. The President Echevarria and Vice President Cardany met separately with Provost DeHayes and President Dooley and updated the FSEC on their meetings. Both President Dooley and Provost DeHayes were pleased with the Special Faculty Senate meeting. During the meeting with the Provost, Vice Provost Veeger reported that the CMS's procurement is in progress. Title IX policies were also discussed. There may be changes to the Title IX policies under the incoming Biden administration. President Echevarria mentioned to Provost DeHayes that the AE Committee of Dean Boughida is waiting for the Provost to name a library faculty member to serve on the committee. President Echevarria reported that President Dooley identified changes to the University Manual concerning BoT governance were being reviewed by the Director of External Relations and Communications Mahoney and would be released to the FSEC when ready. Next week, the FS President and Vice President will meet with the Director of Learning, Assessment, and Online Education Goldsmith to discuss the subject of qualifying faculty to teach online courses.
 - b. Vice President Cardany outlined areas of discussion from the recent JCAP meeting. The committee had a general discussion of what learning and teaching might look like post-COVID; came to a consensus on the revised pre-proposal form; received an update on the January 2021 Academic Summit; and discussed the BOT "early alert and comment" period. Senator Barbour suggested viewing the recording of the recent BOT meeting in which there was a discussion on the early alert and comment period.
 - c. The FSEC discussed possible nominees to serve on the Provost's search committees for the Dean of the Graduate School and the Dean of Engineering.
 - d. An update on the Narragansett tribe members' scholarships was put on hold, pending more information.
 - e. The FSEC reviewed the FS meeting agenda for the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting.
 - f. **MINUTES** President Echevarria recommended postponing the approval of minutes for FSEC meetings #26, #27, and 29 to the next FSEC meeting on December 16, 2020; the FSEC agreed.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. The FSEC discussed the recent communications from a faculty member with concerns relating to diversity, equity and inclusion.
- b. In preparation for meeting with the Provost and Vice Provost on December 16, the FSEC reviewed the College Diversity Planning document. In reviewing the planning document, the FSEC remarked it might be useful if there were concrete benchmarks of success included in the document.
- c. There were questions from the FSEC when reviewing the policy changes to the Intellectual Property policy. The FS Coordinator will reach out to the Associate Vice President of Intellectual Property, Katz, to meet with the FSEC.

4. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 3:27 PM.