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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Meeting #34 January 26, 2021, 9:30-11:00 AM Via Zoom**

Minutes

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** President Echevarria called the Zoom meeting to order at 9:33 AM. Vice President Cardany, Senators Barbour, Hicks, Morokoff, and Welters were present.
- 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**
 - a. The statewide [RI Open Textbook initiative](#), President Echevarria explained, seeks to promote and track efforts by Rhode Island's higher education institutions to replace expensive textbooks with open licensed textbooks and/or open-source materials. President Echevarria will send out the RI Open Textbook Initiative adoption form to encourage URI faculty to document these practices and make certain that URI is represented in this important data that state officials are compiling.
 - b. Vice President Cardany provided an update on the progress of assembling the Kuali implementation team. Co-sponsors of the project are Vice Provost Veeger representing the Provost's office and Vice President Cardany, representing the Faculty Senate. FS Vice President Cardany announced the rest of the team members:
Team Leaders: Mike Motta, Associate Director, IT Service Administration, and FS Vice President Cardany
Technology team: Donna Belden, Associate Director, IT Administrative Computing
Participant Team: Art Mead, GenEd Committee; Jack Humphrey, Associate Director of Enrollment Services; Joanne Lawrence, FS Specialist; and Peggy Benz, FS Coordinator.
Once the Kuali team has started and work has progressed, a stakeholders group will be formed to provide user feedback. The implementation team will meet with the Kuali representative, Ashley Pendergrass, weekly.
 - c. President Echevarria announced that Vice Provost Libutti would make a presentation at the FS meeting on January 28th. The President of the URI Foundation, Lil O'Rourke, will make a presentation at the March FS meeting.
 - d. The FS President and Vice President met with Student Senate President Ramsey and the Student Senate Academic Chair McGrath to discuss a request from the Student Senate regarding student work in a semester without spring break. President Echevarria reiterated it is vital for students to be aware of what resources are available to them. FSEC discussed the importance of encouraging communication between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. The minutes of FSEC Meeting #32, January 15, 2021, were reviewed and approved.

b. The FSEC postponed the approval of pending minutes to the next meeting.

4. Academic Summit debriefs and follow-up on JEDI matters.

a. Dr. Ravello, Director of Community and Organizational Development, presents departments and offices the opportunity for faculty and staff to obtain the Social Justice and Inclusion (SJ&I) Microcredential, which offers anti-oppression educational development workshop modules. The FSEC discussed the possibility of Dr. Ravello offering the workshops to faculty senators on Thursday afternoons.

b. The FS President will host a check-in meeting of all FS Committee and subcommittee chairs to discuss progress towards fulfilling the committee charge of incorporating diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice into their work.

5. The FSEC continued the discussion on Faculty Senate membership and issues surrounding the CBUM charge. The FSEC reviewed research of governing bodies that the FS President compiled from peer institutions. .

6. The meeting adjourned at 11:06.