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Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Meeting #39 March 2, 2021, 9:30-11:00am
Via Zoom

MINUTES

1. President Echevarria called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Vice President Cardany, Senators Barbour, Hicks, Morokoff, and Welters were present.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**
 - a. President Echevarria told the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) she had invited Vice President-elect Rice to the meeting, which he would join if possible. She requested for him to be copied in emails until his name is added to the FSEC listserv.
 - b. President Echevarria mentioned that she has had 3 days of day-long presidential search interview meetings where multiple faculty voices from different disciplines were represented. She also assured the Committee that comments and concerns from the town hall meetings were incorporated in the discussions.
 - c. President Echevarria relayed that she received a meeting request from the Student Senate leadership to discuss spring break. The Committee suggested responding to the meeting request while including a reminder that it is too late for changes to the academic calendar.
 - d. President Echevarria informed the Committee that she had sent out the JEDI across the curriculum message and survey form. Thus far she had received 80 responses.
 - i. President Echevarria had been contacted by faculty who did not receive the message sent through the faculty senate office Listserv listings. She requested that the listservs be checked and updated as needed.
 - e. An update on the action items from FSEC Meeting #38 was given. Most items had been completed with the exception of the Center University Manual language. President Echevarria has reached out to Senators Roman and Eaton.
 - f. President Echevarria expressed that she will be asking URI Board of Trustee Faculty Representative Gindy to attend a FSEC meeting.

3. **The minutes for FSEC Meeting #37, February 16, 2021 and Meeting #38, February 23, 2021 were approved. The Faculty Senate February 18, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.**

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. President Echevarria reported that she had spoken with Vice Provost Bodah regarding having the marine research scientist position include a faculty role. A change to faculty status could affect items such as benefit and retirement packages, making it an ineffective solution. The Committee agreed that revising the University Manual emeritus language could provide clarification. President Echevarria asked the FSEC to reflect on the manual language until the next meeting. Senate Hicks mentioned that the Constitution, By-Laws, and University Manual Committee will be reviewing the language at their next meeting.
- b. President Echevarria opened discussion on Senate Membership. Membership model discussions included 1) leaving the current membership model in effect, 2) reintroducing the previous model, or 3) introducing a new modified model. The Committee discussion included possible membership models, the different faculty categories, college senator apportionment, and philosophical and ethical issues. President Echevarria is researching senate membership models used at peer institutions.
- c. The proposed dates for AY21-22 Senate meetings were reviewed. A suggestion to change the initial meeting name to Senate Orientation was approved. A revised calendar will be added to the March 9th FSEC agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.