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Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Meeting #40 March 9, 2021, 9:30-11:00am
Via Zoom

MINUTES

1. President Echevarria called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Vice President Cardany, Senators Barbour, Hicks, Morokoff, and Welters were present.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

- a. President Echevarria informed the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) that Coordinator Benz is expected to return within the next couple of weeks.
 - b. President Echevarria requested to change meeting time on March 16th to 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. due to a scheduling conflict. The FSEC agreed to the time change.
 - c. The College Budget Hearings held Friday, March 5th were exciting, enlightening and reinforced the goal of transparency, reported President Echevarria.
 - d. President Echevarria reported on the meeting she and Vice President Cardany had with Director of General Education DiCioccio. Director DiCioccio explained that she has been working closely with General Education Subcommittee Chair Mead. Director DiCioccio is implementing a “Faculty Voices” video series focusing on courses within specific general education outcomes. The videos will be posted on the General Education website with new videos featuring different outcomes being uploaded on a rotating basis. The possibility of expanding the Faculty Voices series to include videos relating to other categories such as Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) and thematic (e.g. sustainability, climate change, etc.) issues was discussed.
 - e. President Echevarria relayed that she had met with AAUP leadership regarding possible changes to Faculty Senate membership.
 - f. President Echevarria reported that she and Vice President Cardany would be meeting with University President Dooley and URI Foundation President O’Rourke that afternoon.
3. The FSEC minutes from Meeting #39, March 2, 2021 were not ready for review.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. President Echevarria explained that the workload release Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for Senate Committee work are being reviewed for

possible revision due to the changes in the committee structure. She has spoken with the Provost, who agrees that revisions may be needed.

- b. Senator Hicks, Chair of the Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual (CBUM) Committee, explained that University Manual (UM) language for the Abbreviated Bachelor's and Master's (ABM) program has been crafted. Revisions to UM language regarding general faculty continues. She anticipates both items will be presented at the April 15, 2021 Faculty Senate meeting. Gender neutral language revisions are continuing to be reviewed in CBUM meetings. Her committee has met with Senators Roman and Eaton regarding language surrounding Centers; she is awaiting additional information and revisions. Senator Hicks will reach out to Interim Dean DeBoef to review changes to the UM with respect to the Graduate School.
- c. President Echevarria presented a FSEC Report on apportionment and membership featuring a new senate membership model populated by tenure-track and full-time non-tenure track faculty with 5 continuous years at URI. This potential model was the discussion point of the meeting she had with AAUP leadership. The FSEC discussed the apportionment number details and scenarios, as well as the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws sections of the University Manual. This will be read at the March 18 Faculty Senate meeting preparatory to a vote at the April meeting.
- d. President Echevarria inquired if the BOT faculty representative should be an ex-officio member of the Faculty Senate. The FSEC suggested inviting the BOT faculty representative to meet with the FSEC at least once per semester rather than adding an additional ex-officio member.
- e. President Echevarria sought advice on where in the University Manual language regarding emeritus status should the Marine Research Scientist language appear.
- f. President Echevarria requested a final review of the revised: proposed dates for AY21-22 FS Meetings. These dates will appear on the agenda for the Faculty Senate meeting on March 18, 2021.
- g. President Echevarria announced that the draft agenda for the March 18, 2021 FS meeting was ready for review; she asked FSEC members to review the updated draft.
- h. President Echevarria asked the Committee to review and provide feedback on the Confidential Draft of UDC Curriculum Report.
- i. President Echevarria shared a JEDI-related resolution she received from Senator Kang-Won Wayne Lee. She will reach out to him to see how the FSEC can assist.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.