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Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Meeting #49 May 11, 2021, 9:30-11:00am
Via [Zoom](#)

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Echevarria called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Vice President Cardany, Senators Barbour, Hicks, Morokoff, Welters, and Vice President-elect Rice were present.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**
 - a. President Echevarria announced that a meeting had been organized for Senate leadership (including President Echevarria, President-elect Cardany and Vice President-elect Rice) with Chief Diversity Officer (CDO) Almandrez on Friday, May 14, 2021, to discuss the URI land acknowledgment statement.
 - b. The FS President mentioned communications with the Provost concerning the International Travel and Research Committee (ITRC), highlighting his positive response to the FSEC request for an additional faculty voices on the committee. FSEC agreed that input from Senate leadership when determining the membership structure of newly created committees would be beneficial..
 - c. President-elect Cardany gave an update on the progress of the Providence Journal Op-Ed piece co-authored with Senator Meyerson, Chair of the Academic Calendar Committee. Incoming President Marc Parlange has contributed to the article. President-elect Cardany and Senator Meyerson will present the Op-Ed article as an informational item at the Senate meeting of May 13, 2021, and invite Senators to submit comments on the article via email.
 - d. FS President Echevarria will reach out to both Provost DeHayes and President Dooley regarding support for disseminating FS Committee JEDI reports.
 - e. FS President-elect Cardany will contact all Assistant Deans in the colleges to share updates about the proposed bereavement policy.

3. MINUTES

- a. The revised minutes for Meeting #46 of April 20, Meeting #47 of April 27, and Meeting #48 of May 4th, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. A draft proposal of the Provost-Senate MOU was reviewed and discussed by the FSEC. The FSEC approved the core components of the proposal. President Echevarria will draft a rationale for the modification and a summary of the proposed changes for FSEC review. Once the entire proposal is finalized, it will be sent to the Provost. President-elect Cardany and Vice President-elect Rice will follow up and meet with the Provost after May 13, 2021.
- b. The FSEC reviewed agenda items for the organizational meeting of the new 21-22 Senate on May 13, 2021.
- c. FSEC discussed Faculty-led programs abroad and the potential involvement of the Faculty Senate, a faculty committee, or the Global Steering Committee to assume a formal role in the program approval process. Senator Welters and Vice President-elect Rice will meet with the Office of International Education Assistant Director Watts to discuss the matter over the summer.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM.