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Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)

Meeting #1 - May 27, 2021

10:00-11:00 AM [Via Zoom](#)

MINUTES

1. President Cardany called the Zoom meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Vice President Rice, Senators Maier-Speredelozzi, Meyerson, Nassersharif, and Welters were present.
2. Announcements
 - a. President Cardany welcomed the new Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) to the first meeting of 2021-2022. She had each of the members introduce themselves.
 - b. Updates
 - i. President Cardany relayed that she, Vice President Rice, and former President Echevarria, met with Associate Vice President Almandrez to discuss the Land Acknowledgement statement which emerged from the College of Arts and Sciences. Vice President Rice explained that Executive Director Spears of the Tomaquag Museum who has been included in discussions is not in the tribal leadership. Vice President Rice stated that he had met with the Narragansett Indian Tribal Medicine Man, John Brown, who had not heard of the Land Acknowledgement statement but assured VP Rice that the Tribal leadership is ready and willing to work with the University.

President Cardany stated that more work needs to be done, particularly on where and when the statement will occur.
 - ii. President Cardany spoke about the bereavement policy, developed by the Dean of Students, explaining that the FSEC was given an opportunity to consult and comment. President Cardany stated that she has reached out to all college deans to discuss the proposed bereavement policy and to determine if the colleges have their own policy. She has also reviewed the University Manual to determine if language changes or additions are needed. The FSEC members agreed that this policy should be presented informally to the Senate in the fall semester.
 - iii. President Cardany stated that her meeting with Provost DeHayes and Vice Provost Veeger went well. Discussions included summer compensation for FSEC members, possible summer curriculum committee meetings and compensation, the bereavement policy, and the curriculum management system.
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. The minutes from May 13, 2021, Organizational Meeting of the Faculty Senate were tabled.

- b. The minutes from the May 11, 2021, Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting #49 were approved with one abstention.
4. Discussion Items moving into AY 21-22
- a. President Cardany discussed senate work and compensation over the summer months. The FSEC agreed to meet weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Contingent upon the schedules of President Dooley and Provost DeHayes, the meetings with the FSEC will be scheduled as additional meetings preferably on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.
President Cardany informed the FSEC that the curriculum program forms were being reviewed and revised for development in the Curriculum Management System in Quali. She stressed the importance of faculty continuing to own the curriculum.
 - b. President Cardany explained that at the meeting with the Provost, the Memo of Understanding (MOU) was postponed for additional review. President Cardany asked for the FSEC to review the MOU narrative and spreadsheet developed by former President Echevarria for discussion at the next meeting.
 - c. Discussion on the bereavement policy was moved to the June 1st meeting allowing the new FSEC members time to review it.
 - d. President Cardany told the FSEC that the survey asking Senators for their committee preference had gone out and responses were coming in. She asked for 2 volunteers who would be willing to create an initial slate of members for each of the standing committees by mid-June. Senators Nassersharif and Meyerson volunteered. A suggestion was made to review the committee pamphlets and create new or update them as needed. Vice President Rice stressed having the MOU finalized will help when populating the committees.

Work on Joint Committees, requiring FSEC or Senate representatives, will commence when the Standing Committees appointments have been made.

5. New Business: Senator Welters told the FSEC that she and VP Rice will be meeting with Assistant Director Watts from Faculty-Led Programs on June 9th. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss whether the FSEC should be included in the process of determining credits awarded to students for these international programs.

Senator Meyerson suggested that written clarification be given to the Curriculum and Standards Committee in regards to which faculty have been approved to teach online.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.