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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)**  
**Meeting # 2 - June 1, 2021**  
**9:00-10:00 AM [Via Zoom](#)**

**MINUTES**

1. President Cardany called the Zoom meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Vice President Rice, Senators Welters, Nassersharif, Meyerson were in attendance. Senator Maier-Speredelozzi was not present.
  
2. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. President Cardany relayed that the Provost and Vice Provost were unavailable to meet until after June 15th, 2021. The members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) discussed the [Memorandum of Understanding](#) (MOU) and agreed that the true value and worth of service should be acknowledged.
  - b. The FSEC discussed the proposed [bereavement policy](#) language. President Cardany stated that she had reviewed University Manual language and found chapter 8, sections 8.39.10-8.39.11 and 8.51.13 and 8.51.14 may require some revision. After discussion and minor adjustments, the changes to the University Manual language were approved. President Cardany will reach out to Dean Graney and Assistant Dean Springer to discuss the next steps before proceeding with changes to the University Manual language.
  
3. Announcements
  - a. President Cardany informed the FSEC that an Advanced Placement (AP) bill is going forward at the state level to require accepting a 3 or above for advanced placement courses. URI is not in favor of this requirement and is pushing back wanting institutions to have the authority to accept either a 3 or 4.
  - b. Senator Meyerson explained that she submitted the Juneteenth Op-Ed to the Providence Journal for publication and is waiting to hear back. She will reach out to other news outlets if necessary.
  - c. President Cardany informed the Executive Committee that the Faculty Senate Coordinator was no longer with the Faculty Senate Office. A discussion ensued, and FSEC would continue discussion of the Coordinator's position with the FSEC to determine if changes to the position and job description would be required.
  - d. President Cardany explained that the Referenda for items from the April 29, 2021, and May 13, 2021 Faculty Senate meetings had not been sent out yet. A suggestion was made to hold the referendum until September 2021 as most faculty are on 9-month contracts and not available over the summer.

4. President Cardany requested the minutes of the [Faculty Senate, Organizational Meeting on May 13, 2021](#) be tabled. She requested the Faculty Senate Specialist to have University President Dooley approve his section.

5. Discussion Items

a. President Cardany discussed the Committee Appointments and reminded Senators Meyerson and Nassersharif that Senator Rarick has expressed interest in serving as chair of the General Education Committee.

President Cardany also asked FSEC members which committee they would like to serve as the liaison. The volunteers were:

Senator Welters - General Education Committee

Senator Rice - Constitution, By-laws, and University Manual Committee

Senator Meyerson - Academic Calendar Committee

President Cardany - Curriculum and Standards Committee

Senator Nassersharif -- Research and Creative Activities Committee

Technology Infrastructure Committee - possibly Senator Maier-Speredelozzi

Service and Community Life Committee --

Teaching, Advising, and Assessment Committee --

b. President Cardany discussed the advantages of improving the relationship with the Student Senate. The Committee discussed the importance of inviting Student Senate members to serve on Faculty Senate committees.

6. New Business: Senator Welters informed the Executive Committee that the Providence Journal had a story regarding the status of the Honorary Degree awarded to General Flynn.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.