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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)**  
**Meeting #9, July 20, 2021**  
**9:00-10:30 AM, Via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

1. President Cardany called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Vice President Rice, Senators Maier-Speredelozzi, Meyerson, Nassersharif, and Welters were present.
2. Old Business
  - a. There was no old business to be discussed.
3. Announcements
  - a. President Cardany and Vice President Rice met with Provost DeHayes. Discussion included the work the Provost has been doing with incoming University President Parlange on the transition plan for the provost position.  
Discussion continued on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and a Faculty Senate Office budget to provide compensation for service on Faculty Senate Committees, as well as holding curriculum committee meetings over the summer.  
Other topics for discussion included the status of the Faculty Senate Coordinator position, the progress on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives at URI, and the Curriculum Management System's (CMS) implementation progress including how the JCAP process will be integrated.
  - b. Faculty Senate President Cardany relayed that she and Faculty Senate VP Rice met with President Dooley and continued discussion on the presidential transition plan. President Dooley indicated that he continues to stress the importance of shared governance in discussions with incoming President Parlange. President Cardany had the opportunity to discuss the ITGov Committee and having it codified in the University Manual in the Presidential Committees section.
  - c. President Cardany thanked the FSEC for encouraging her to reach out to the Presidential Transition Team. The transition team has been quite productive and has proposed a year-at-glance plan, in three month increments, including meetings with deans, chairs, internal and external constituencies including state and local government officials. President Cardany offered to forward, to the Transition Team, any names from the FSEC of individuals with whom Incoming President Parlange may want to meet.

- d. President Cardany reported that her meeting on policies with Vice President Rider, Assistant to the Vice President Moos, and Assistant Vice President Larsen was very productive.
    - i. Discussion on the background information on policies led to the agreement that the FSEC should be informed of all policies involving faculty or student policies that involve faculty.
    - ii. Assistant Vice President Larsen will also loop the FSEC into all policy discussions that currently go to the Council of Deans.
    - iii. A request was made for the template created by the Division of Administration and Finance be used when new policies are created. In response to a question of who to contact if procedures contravene policy, links for policies and procedures will be provided.
  - e. The update of Committee Assignments was postponed to the meeting on July 27, 2021.
4. Approval of minutes
- a. The revised minutes of FSEC Meeting #7, July 6, 2021 were approved with one abstention.
5. Discussion Items
- a. Dan Graney, Dean of Students, Office joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the proposed Academic Integrity Policy. President Cardany thanked him and Senator Maier-Sperdelozzi for working together on the policy. Dean Graney presented an overview of the need for an Academic Integrity Policy due to an increase of cheating cases during the last academic year. In processing the cases, it was discovered that the Student Handbook utilized by the Office of Community Standards and the procedures in the University Manual were not in agreement. In researching the academic integrity policy it was discovered that while some colleges have established their own policies, others do not have one. The FSEC agrees with the importance and need of having consistency of language in the University Manual and in the Student Handbook. Discussion continued on the importance of having faculty aware of the procedures to use when reporting cases of cheating and plagiarism, as well as the correct student appeal process.
  - b. President Cardany explained that she had come across language in the University Manual that did not reflect the name change of the University Judicial Board to the University Student Conduct Board. The affected sections are Chapter 5 sections 5.47.10 and 5.75.10 and Chapter 9 section 9.21.16. A motion was made and approved, with one abstention, to bring the changes to the Faculty Senate at the September 30, 2021 meeting.

- c. President Cardany discussed an email she and Dean Libutti had received from Assistant Director Sisson in Enrollment Services regarding the final exam schedule for fall 2021. As the exam schedule was reduced to 5 days and 2 hour time blocks from the previous 6 days and 3 hours blocks, a new final exam framework needs to be developed. Assistant Director Sisson offered four possible scenarios, mentioning that scenarios 3 and 4 allow for extra time for student accommodations:

1) 9-11	12-2	3-5	6-8
2) 8-10	11-1	2-4	5-7
3) 8:30 - 10:30	12-2	3:30 - 5:30	7-9
4) 8-10	11:30 - 1:30	3-5	6:30 - 8:30

After discussion, the Executive Committee preferred scenario number 4.

President Cardany will pass this information on to Dean Libutti and Assistant Director Sisson.

- d. President Cardany explained that in reviewing membership for the IT Strategic Governance Committee (ITGov), she found that the committee was not listed in the University Manual. The FSEC discussed how the Faculty Senate Committee on Technology and Infrastructure and ITGov intersect and the feasibility of listing ITGov under the Presidential Committees listed in the University Manual. Discussion will continue in August.

The remaining items on the agenda will be discussed at the upcoming FSEC meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.