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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)**

**Meeting #22, October 15, 2021**

**1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m., via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

1. President Cardany called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Vice President Rice, Senators Welters, Nassersharif, Meyerson, and Maier-Sperdelozzi were present.
2. Old Business
  - a. President Cardany informed the FSEC that she attended the September 29th Student Senate which she found informative and useful. She asked which FSEC members were available to attend other Student Senate meetings held weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Senator Meyerson volunteered to attend the October 27th meeting; Senator Maier-Sperdelozzi volunteered to attend the November 10th meeting, and Senator Welters volunteered to attend the December 8th meeting.
  - b. President Cardany revisited the conversation regarding the conveyance of Senate business to the college committee meetings. Senator Meyerson agreed to take the lead and will have something drafted for the FSEC to review by mid-November.
  - c. President Cardany spoke of confusion regarding the blended courses and the approval process. Discussion included the need for chair and dean approval and what happens if they do not approve, online courses being identified as asynchronous or synchronous, as well as the expectation of face-to-face and online components for blended courses.
3. Announcements
  - a. President Cardany announced that the Service and Community Life Committee is working on a Resolution for Academic Freedom. Once ready, she will share the information with the Executive Committee.
  - b. Senator Nassersharif provided the Executive Committee with an update on the status of the FS Coordinator Search.
4. Approval of minutes
  - a. The edited minutes from FSEC meeting #20, October 1, 2021 were approved.
  - b. The minutes from FSEC meeting #21, October 8, 2021 were approved.
5. Discussion Items
  - a. President Cardany discussed changes to the University Manual language for the Honorary Degree Committee. She expressed that the revisions have been discussed and reviewed by President Parlange and Interim Provost Beauvis. The

FSEC discussed the proposal that will be brought forward to the October 21, 2021 Faculty Senate meeting.

- b. The FSEC reviewed and discussed the ITGov Informational Report that will be presented on behalf of President Parlange at the October Faculty Senate meeting.
  - c. President Cardany reviewed the October 21st Faculty Senate meeting agenda. The agenda was approved by the FSEC.
  - d. President Cardany requested all Faculty Senate Executive Committee members provide written feedback on the Policy on Policies.
  - e. President Cardany requested the FSEC members also provide feedback on the Policy on Honorary Degrees before October 18, 2021 in order for it to be available for the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees meeting.
6. Call for New Business
    - a. Per the request of the General Education Committee (GEC) Chair, the Faculty Senate Specialist relayed that the GEC is currently discussing the approval process for general education topic shell courses and the individual topics.
  7. The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.