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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)**  
**Meeting #24, October 29, 2021**  
**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

1. President Cardany called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Vice President Rice, Senators Maier-Sperdelozzi, Meyerson, Nassersharif, and Welters were in attendance.
2. Old Business
  - a. none
3. Announcements
  - a. President Cardany announced that she had attended the University President's Stewardship Council meeting where the Cornerstone Values were discussed. An ad hoc committee was created, co-chaired by Interim Provost Beauvais and Faculty Senate President Cardany, to evaluate and update the Cornerstone Values as needed.

President Cardany relayed that she attended the Stewardship Council's full day retreat. She explained that University President Parlange's mission is to have one unified strategic plan, bringing the leadership from across the university together.
  - b. President Cardany said the Catalog and Curriculum Management System (CCMS) is anticipated to go live on December 1st, 2021. She reached out to all curriculum managers requesting them to test the process and provide feedback. President Cardany stressed the importance of having as many people as possible working on the testing phase.
4. Approval of minutes
  - a. The minutes from FSEC meeting #22 of October 15, 2021 were approved.
  - b. The minutes from FSEC meeting #23, October 22, 2021, were not ready for review.
5. Discussion Items
  - a. President Cardany explained that she had met with Danielle Dennis, Interim Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, to discuss the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) Curriculum Committee and the BIS Scholastic Standing Committee listed in the University Manual. It was determined that these committees had not met since 2016 and the Committee was no longer necessary. The FSEC discussed the committee's listings in the University Manual; President Cardany made a motion to abolish the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) Curriculum Committee and the BIS Scholastic Standing Committee and to remove them from the University Manual. The motion was approved. The University Manual revision will be presented at the November Faculty Senate

meeting, President Cardany will invite Interim Dean Dennis to the Senate meeting.

- b. President Cardany initiated a discussion on the program and outcomes assessment for the General Education program based upon an email she received from Director Dicioccio, Office of Innovation in General Education. The FSEC strongly recommends the General Education Committee to maintain the strong relationship between the Committee and the Director.
  - c. President Cardany discussed the need to review University Manual language on academic freedom for possible updating. She explained that a meeting to discuss the Social Justice Resolution will be held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 with the President and Provosts, representatives from the FSEC, and Senator Trimm. Discussion will continue at the November 5th FSEC meeting. President Cardany led a discussion on improving shared governance communication and participation. She attended a webinar from the AAUP on shared governance and believes that the URI Senate is in good shape; however, the need to get faculty more involved still exists. She referenced the survey sent out by the AAUP and she asked the FSEC to look at the survey and determine if it was advisable to use this survey. President Cardany sought ideas of how the Senate could improve communication; suggestions included announcements on Twitter, Faculty Chat Cafe on Facebook, and Instagram.
  - d. President Cardany asked the FSEC for recommendations of faculty senators to be part of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee.
6. Call for New Business
- a. President Cardany explained that she had another meeting and asked Vice President Rice to update the FSEC on the discussions and outcome of meetings regarding University Policy. Vice President Rice explained that discussion on the University Manual (UM) Appendix G preamble was continuing. The FSEC discussed the coordination of UM Appendix G and the Policy website and the need for a mutual solution. Vice President Rice relayed that he would bring the Executive Committee's thoughts and advice to President Cardany at the meeting on December 1, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.