

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Meeting # 23 November 15, 2019 MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 10:48 AM in the President's Conference Green Hall by Chair Nassersharif, Vice Chair Echevarria, Senators Barbour, and Hicks. Senators Gindy and Morokoff were absent.

2. MINUTES

- a. Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2019 were postponed for approval to the next FSEC meeting.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair's Announcements:

The Chair followed up on the International Travel Policy presented at a previous FSEC meeting by Vice President Abigail Rider. Comments will be sent to VP Rider.

- b. Coordinator's Announcements:

The FS Coordinator has been working with Elaine Finan and Audrey Cardany for an open meeting on November 21 regarding the curriculum process.

There will be a meeting on December 11 of all College Curriculum Coordinators, the Curriculum and Standards Committee, and the Faculty Senate Office to introduce the new curriculum forms and review the curriculum process.

4. MEETING: President Dooley entered the meeting at 11:02 AM.

- a. President gave an update on new URI Board of Trustees. The list of those nominated as Trustees should be complete by December. There will be scheduled hearings in the state legislature in January to vet the nominees for the URI Board of Trustees. There are currently searches posted for Board of Trustees legal counsel, administrator and support staff.
- b. The President discussed the URI capital plan future which will include finishing the Fine Arts Building, a GSO research building, and the renovation of the historic quad buildings.

- c. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee discussed issues relating to Human Resources and the hiring process with the President as it pertains to search committees.
- d. Questions on changes in purchasing were entertained. The President said once the new URI Board of Trustees is seated in February 2020 Rhode Island state purchasing regulations will only apply to State of Rhode Island funds with greater flexibility on the use of other funding streams.

The President left the meeting at 11:56 AM.

5. ONGOING ITEMS

- a. The FSEC reviewed the suggested changes in the Graduate School Manual and the University Manual regarding the Graduate Faculty status. Senator Hicks will bring it to the Constitution, Bylaws and Manual Committee for review. The Chair of the Faculty Senate will also prepare a response and contact the Dean and the Provost regarding feedback and the concerns discussed by the FSEC.
- b. The agenda for November 21, Faculty Senate Meeting was discussed. Neither Chair Nassersharif nor Vice Chair Echevarria will be available for the November 21st FS meeting. Senators Hicks and Morokoff will act in their place.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 12:54 PM.