

Recommendation of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee To Replace the Joint Strategic Planning Committee (JSPC) With the Joint Committee on Academic Planning (JCAP)

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Background

At their September 18, 2009 meeting, President Dooley and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee discussed the establishment of the Strategic Budget and Planning Council (SBPC), which was to assume some, but not all, of the responsibilities of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee (JSPC).

As President Dooley's proposal for the SBPC developed during the fall semester it became clear to President Dooley, Provost DeHayes and the members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee that a new joint committee with an emphasis on academic planning was needed to complement the President's Strategic Budget and Planning Council. From the beginning of the spring semester the FSEC discussed with the President and Provost the establishment of a Joint Committee on Academic Planning to replace the Joint Strategic Planning Committee (sections 5.70.10-12 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL). The evolution of the proposal is detailed in Minutes of the FSEC from September 18, 2009 through April 5, 2010 which are available on the web at http://www.uri.edu/facsen/Commtgs_09-10.html#FSEC

Recommendation

That the Faculty Senate replace the Joint Strategic Planning (JSPC) Committee with the Joint Committee on Academic Planning (JCAP) by amending existing sections 5.70.10-12 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL as follows:

5.70.10 The Joint Committee on Academic Planning (JCAP) shall address academic planning and accreditation of the University. The recommendations of the Committee are advisory to the Office of the Provost and the Faculty Senate. It shall assist in monitoring progress of the University's Academic Plan by suggesting modifications, additions, and deletions to the Plan as well as creating and coordinating task forces. The Committee shall be responsible for the regular review of the Academic Plan and ensure that it continues to reflect the needs of the University in light of new opportunities and challenges. It shall be responsible for periodic and systematic review of various aspects of the institution as required by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and shall ensure that the results of these reviews are used for continuing improvement. The Committee shall be provided, upon request, with necessary data and information by University colleagues across all Divisions and by representatives of Academic Plan task forces.

5.70.11 The Joint Committee on Academic Planning shall be chaired by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs with the Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate serving as JCAP vice chair. Members of

the Committee shall include the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs; Special Assistant to the Provost for Academic Planning; Dean of Students in Student Affairs; Assistant Vice President for Business Services; Vice President for Research and Economic Development; Dean of the Graduate School; a Dean appointed by the Provost; an academic advisor from the Feinstein Providence Campus appointed by the Vice Provost for Urban Programs; four members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee; chairs of the following Faculty Senate committees: Curricular Affairs, Academic Program Review, and University College and General Education; and the Presidents of the Student Senate and Graduate Student Association or their designees. Other individuals from the URI community may be called upon to participate and contribute.

5.70.12 The Joint Committee on Academic Planning shall meet on a regular basis as needed, typically monthly, and shall submit recommendations to the Provost, the Faculty Senate, and committees of the University, as it deems appropriate. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee shall report to the Faculty Senate at least once each academic year, typically at a Senate meeting prior to April, and to the university community as appropriate.