

FACULTY SENATE OFFICE

Faculty Senate Executive Committee #15
President's Conference Room
Minutes October 24, 2018 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 on Wednesday October 24 in the President's Conference Room Green Hall, Chair Leonard presiding. Senators Derbyshire, Honhart, Gindy, Vice Chair Nassersharif, and Morokoff were present. Guests: President David Dooley, Provost Donald DeHayes
2. The President joined the meeting with Provost DeHayes. President Dooley agreed that the Sheila Black Grubman Faculty Outstanding Service Award plaque should be in a more prominent and visible location that will honor the Award winners. Hanging the Award in the President's Conference Room or the Memorial Union was mentioned. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will follow up with a specific proposal.

The FSEC and President discussed Joint Committees. President Dooley suggested Joint Committees report on activities and accomplishments to the Faculty Senate. The President believes URI is at a pivotal moment with the new Faculty Senate committee restructuring and indicated his support for its success and for increased efficiency and effectiveness of the Senate work. Chair Leonard commented that the Faculty Senate is interested in moving to an online system for curriculum approval.

The question of supporting and recognizing faculty service was discussed. Chair Leonard inquired about the President writing a letter regarding the workload adjustment for Faculty Senate Committee service that Faculty could include in their Tenure and Promotion files.

The President announced that the Presidential Equity Council and Commissions have been asked to suspend work until the Community, Equity and Diversity external evaluation team makes its recommendations at the end of the month. Senator Derbyshire expressed her concern with the call for the Committees to cease work. Elements of the Community, Equity and Diversity division now report to Vice President of Finance and Administration, Abigail Rider or Vice President of Student Affairs, Kathy Collins.

An issue concerning URI not being listed as a special relationship partner with the state with URI no longer able to bid on research contracts with the RI Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH) was brought up by Senator Morokoff. President Dooley asked that details be sent to him and he will have Vice President Abigail Rider follow up.

The President said the revised charge for the committee examining the governance of graduate school will be sent out today.

The President presented a draft policy on External Speakers and Performers to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. The President stated that the new policy aligns with the language of the University Manual. The President asked the Faculty Senate Executive Committee review the policy within the next week.

The Chair reminded the committee that the University Manual has a policy on policies.

The President and Provost left the meeting at 12:14 PM.

It was suggested by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee that the draft policy on Speakers and Performers be submitted to the Constitution, Bylaws and University Manual (CBUM) Committee for review and to ensure it aligns with the University Manual.

3. MEETING MINUTES of October 10, 2018 were approved.
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS
 - a. Manual changes re: J-term and Summer session. The committee asked that CBUM review language for consequences of the change of the administration of J-Term and Summer Sessions by the former College of Continuing Education to the Provost's office.
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Faculty Senate Budget and Nancy Neff support was reported.
6. MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:47 PM

Respectfully submitted by,
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