

Faculty Senate Meeting #1 September 19, 2019 Minutes

1. The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order at 3:48 PM in the Beupre Center for Chemical and Forensic Sciences by Chair Nassersharif. All members were present except for Brice Loose, Christopher Hunter, James Haile, Joel Chandlee, Justin Wyatt, Lenore Martin, Manbir Sodhi, Michael Barrus, Peter Blanpied, Reza Hashemi, Thomas Sproul, and William Gordon. Ex Officio in attendance: President Dooley, Vice Provost Bodah, Vice Provost Libutti, Vice Provost Veeger, Associate Dean Anne Seitsinger for Dean Rolle, Associate Dean Sartini for Dean Kirby, Dean of Students Graney for VP Collins. Others in attendance: Faye Boudreaux-Bartels, Thomas McGrath, and Rachel Kipp, ACE Fellow of Provost's office.

2. **DISPOSITION OF MINUTES** of Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting #9, May 2, 2019 minutes were posted with the agenda. Senate Chair Nassersharif asked if there were any additions, corrections or questions about the minutes. As there were no corrections or questions, the minutes were approved.

3. REPORT OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

a. Announcements Senate Chair Nassersharif opened the first 2019-2020 Faculty Senate meeting by welcoming new Senators and sharing [Welcome Remarks](#) with the Faculty Senate. He reported on the work over the summer by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee: Faculty Senate Committees, General Education, Suspension of Programs and Departments, the formation of a Special Committee on Minor Programs of Study, Administrator evaluations the Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Review of Graduate School/Council Governance and the new governance structure for URI. He thanked the Provost for sponsoring the reception at the end of the meeting and encouraged Senators to attend.

b. Activities of the Executive Committee –

1. The Chair called on Vice Chair Echevarria to present the Faculty Senate [Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings](#) – May 23 and 29, June 4, 18, 25, July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27, and September 6th. There were no questions from the assembled Senators.

2. Chair Nassersharif presented the [Report of the Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Review Graduate School/Council Governance in Regard to Policy and Procedures](#) which met during the Spring of 2019. The Committee jointly presented their findings in more detail. The President thanked the Committee and Vice Provost Bodah for their fine work on this Committee and reviewed the [joint response to the Committee's recommendations](#).

Chair Nassersharif reviewed what actions will happen next: The Faculty Senate Executive Committee, The Graduate Council, and the Constitution, Bylaws and University Manual Committee will work together to address the Committee's recommendations. .

- A motion was made and accepted to accept the Report of the Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Review Graduate School/Council Governance in Regard to Policy and Procedures.

3. The report from the Special Committee on Minor Programs of Study is expected in October.

4. The Faculty Senate Chair announced that Administrator Evaluations will begin this fall for: President Dooley, Dean Riley, Dean Richmond, Dean Rolle, and General Education Director DiCioccio. An email will go out soliciting tenure track faculty to serve on Administrator Evaluation Committees.

5. Appointments to FS Standing Committees will be presented to the Faculty Senate in October.

4. STATUS OF ACTIONS PENDING APPROVAL AFTER THE MAY 2ND, 2019 FACULTY SENATE MEETING

- Bill 18-19-28B Curricular Report No. 2018-19-13 from the Graduate Council to the Faculty Senate: Curricular Changes
- Bill 18-19-29 Curricular Report No. 2018-19-14 from the Graduate Council to the Faculty Senate: Online Masters in Education-Adult Education Track
- Bill 18-19-30 Curricular Report No. 2018-19-15 from the Graduate Council to the Faculty Senate: Graduate Certificate in Natural Resources and the Environment
- Bill 18-19-31 Constitution, By-Laws, and University Manual Committee Report: Update of Parliamentary Authority Text, University Manual Sections 4.40.14 and 4.45.10, By-Laws Section 9.1
- Bill 18-19-32 Constitution, By-Laws, and University Manual Committee Report: Request from Honors Program for revisions to the University Manual and Senate By-Laws, University Manual Sections 2.20.20 and 8.64.10-12, By-Laws Section 4.33
- Bill 18-19-33 Request from Ad Hoc Committee to change University Manual Language on the Review of Administrator Evaluation Process
- Bill 18-19-34, Constitution, By-Laws, and University Manual Committee Report: Report on Proposed Changes to the University Manual, Sections 2.23.11, 2.23.40, 3.40.11-3.41.02, 4.60.14-15, 8.33.11, 8.38.13, 8.70.09-8.70.11, and 8.70.50-8.70.75
- Resolution 18-19-1 Honoring Hillary Leonard

5. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Senator Cardany, Chair of the Curriculum and Standard Committee, reported that the Committee met and reviewed ten course changes, seven new courses and two new courses in General Education for consideration.

- A motion was made and approved to accept [Curriculum and Standards Committee Report – #2019-20-1](#)

b. Senator Cardany informed the Senate the Curriculum Management System Committee began to meet in the Spring and continues to meet with the goal of issuing an RFP by the spring of 2020. In the meantime curriculum forms are being updated.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Nassersharif asked if there was any unfinished business. There was none.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Nassersharif asked if there was any new business.

a. Academic Calendar Subcommittee Chair Meenach stated the Subcommittee will be sending out a survey to faculty and students on September 20th regarding changing the time allotted for finals from 3 hours to 2 hours and reducing the number of days from seven to five. There will be a report and a recommendation at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nassersharif asked for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Benz