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Faculty Senate Executive Committee

#20 November 28, 2018

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 11:02 on Wednesday November 28, 2018 in the President's Conference Room Green Hall, Chair Leonard presiding. Senators Derbyshire, Honhart, Gindy, Vice Chair Nassersharif, and Morokoff were present. Guest: President David Dooley

2. **MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT**

The President asked that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee forward their feedback on the Draft Policy on External Speakers and Performers on University Property (dated 10/26/17) by the end of the week.

President Dooley is expecting the preliminary report on the Office of Community, Equity, and Diversity by the external evaluation team by the first week of December and the final report by mid-December and he expects that the final report will be made available to the public. Efforts are currently underway to find an Interim Chief Diversity Officer.

President Dooley informed us that students brought up to him an issue concerning the length of the final exams period. Students are concerned that end of semester is getting later. Senator Gindy discussed comparison data of a previous Calendar Committee study which showed that the University of RI has one of the longest exam periods among state universities in New England. She suggested that the final exam period could be contracted from seven days to six days without causing problems Senator Derbyshire expressed concern over the potential loss of reading days. Chair Leonard reported that this issue had been forwarded to the Curriculum and Standards Committee for review and consideration but, with their current workload and the absence of a Chair for the Academic Calendar Subcommittee, it may take some time.

Chair Leonard inquired about the sufficiency of the number of classrooms. The President responded that with the completion of the Engineering building and planned renovations to Ranger Hall there will be additional university classrooms available. The State of RI is interested in creating a forensics/crime lab in Providence which would free up space for additional classrooms in Fogarty Hall.

The President left the meeting at 12:04 PM.

3. **MEETING MINUTES** from October 24, 2018 and November 7, 2018 were approved

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Chair Leonard mentioned the necessity to form a nominating Committee for Vice Chair/Chair elect and Executive Committee. This will be further discussed at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

## **5. ONGOING BUSINESS**

- a. Professor Joelle Rollo-Koster of the History Department has been elected to replace a vacancy left by a Faculty Senator Zahra Maghani who resigned. She will be appointed to the Constitution, Bylaws and University Manual (CBUM) Committee.
- b. The Executive Committee finalized the Faculty Senate appointments to the College of Nursing Dean's review committee and will notify the participants.
- c. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee approved the agenda for the December 6, 2018 Faculty Senate meeting provided that the report of the Special ABM committee is submitted to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee by Friday, only then would it appear on the agenda.

## **6. MEETING ADJURNED at 12:45 PM**