

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Library Conference Room A**

Meeting # 26 December 13, 2019 Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 10:52 AM in the Library Conference Room A by Chair Nassersharif. Vice Chair Echevarria, Senators Morokoff, Gindy, and Barbour were in attendance. Senator Hicks was absent. Meeting guests: Senate Committee Chairs Ashley, Byrd, Cardany, Erickson-Olsen, Honhart, Hunter, and Roman.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Minutes of FSEC meetings #22 (November 8, 2019), #24 (November 21, 2019), and #25 (December 6, 2019) were approved.
3. MEETING WITH COMMITTEE CHAIRS— Committee Chairs joined the FSEC meeting at 11:15 AM.
 - a. Senator Cardany, Chair of Curriculum and Standards Committee (CSC) reported that JCAP meetings will be rescheduled from Thursdays to Tuesdays to accommodate the meeting of faculty senate committees on Thursdays. Discussion ensued on the format of the CSC reports during the senate meetings. It was agreed to change the format by summarizing the list of new and changed courses for more efficient presentation of the materials. Faculty Senators should already be familiar with the C&S report contents having reviewed it in advance. The FS Coordinator will remind Senators to review materials in advance of the meetings. Also, when presenting new programs, a brief description of the new proposed program will be provided and will acknowledge the program proposers.
 - b. Senator Roman, Chair of the Research and Creative Activities (RCA) Committee reported that UM changes will be proposed updating the definition of Centers and the venue for listing of Centers. He also discussed future changes to the overhead distribution report.
 - c. Senator Ashley, Chair of the Service and Community Life Committee (SCLC), reported that narrowing the focus of the committee has been positive. They have been occupied with studying work-load equity issues. SCLC is also considering the possibility of a Faculty Campus Climate survey on work-life balance.
 - d. Senator Byrd, Chair of the Teaching Advising and Assessment Committee (TAAC), reported that they have been discussing items for TAAC focus this year. They will review and comment on the "First-Year Seminar Task Force Report" which has been forwarded

to them. They were also asked by the FSEC to re-imagine the University College, and explore a special designation for URI Online programs and courses until they can be self-sustaining.

- e. Senator Honhart, Chair of the Technology and Infrastructure Committee (TIC) updated the FSEC on the Committee's work. He reported on a proposal to reorganize ITGov and would like to see it listed in the University Manual. He attended a demonstration of Workday, a possible replacement for Peoplesoft.
- f. Senator Erickson Olsen, Chair of the Competitive Grants Subcommittee (CGSC) reported her committee's work on preparing to review grant proposals. They are concerned about having enough reviewers and will solicit Faculty to assist in the review process.
- g. Senator Hunter, Chair of the General Education Subcommittee (GESC) provided an update on the committee's work. They have been evaluating the General Education (GenEd) program and are in the process of developing a survey for Administrators, Dean's Advisors, and students regarding the GenEd Program.

4. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 12:51 PM.