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MINUTES

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting # 28

February 14, 2019 2 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 2: 02 PM on Thursday February 7, 2019 in the Great Room in Green Hall, Chair Leonard presiding with Senators Derbyshire, Honhart, Morokoff, Gindy and Vice Chair Nassersharif in attendance.
2. **GUEST** - Vice President of Administration and Finance - Abigail Rider discussed various topics which the Faculty Senate Executive Committee identified. She reported that the External Speaker Policy is currently in the URI legal department for review. Chair Leonard asked that once the review is completed by the URI Legal Department that the External Speaker Policy be forwarded to the FSEC.

Concerns regarding Campus parking and traffic were discussed, specifically clients of on-campus public clinics such as the Psychological Consultation Clinic. VP Rider said that Departments can register their visitors online in advance of their visit. VP Rider was asked if it is possible to designate spots in the Chafee/Beaupre lot for clients of the Psychological Consultation Clinic. There could be designated spots for departments but with a cost of approximately \$1200/year/spot.

VP Rider indicated there are no plans to expand parking on Campus due to limited additional space for parking lots and structured parking is cost prohibitive. The State of Rhode Island recently began charging URI for parking in the Convention Center for the Providence Campus.

It was reported by VP Rider that Upper College Road will be improved during the summer. As part of this project the lighting on crosswalks will be scrutinized. VP Rider will investigate the area of Lippitt Road between Lippitt Hall and Upper College Road (in front of Bliss Hall) which is dangerous for pedestrians to traverse and will confer with Dimeo Construction for a solution.

Vice President Rider reported that it will be a busy summer with several projects; road surfacing, utility infrastructure, and the Hammerschlag Mall to be made compliant with access for emergency vehicles. Other projects include Fraternity Circle, Brookside, and the Elephant Walk infrastructure upgrades. The Campus map of trees will be sent by VP Rider to the FSEC.

Vice President Rider left the meeting at 2:34.

3. FSEC MEETING MINUTES of February 7, 2019 were approved.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/Updates

- a. Lynne Derbyshire of the Nominating Committee updated the FSEC on the progress of the Committee to fill the position of the Vice Chair/Chair-elect. There are two people considering the nomination for the Vice Chair/Chair elect position. The Committee will present nominees to the Faculty Senate at the February 21st meeting.

5. BUSINESS

- a. Executive Committee members Lynne Derbyshire and Trish Morokoff discussed responding to the President regarding the CED report from the External Review Team.
 - b. The ABM Committee has been asked to present their findings to the upcoming Faculty Senate Meeting.
 - c. The Faculty Senate Chair mentioned an email she forwarded to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee from the Provost regarding a Task Force he has appointed to reconsider URI 101.
6. The meeting adjourned 2:59