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> Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) Meeting #40, April 15, 2020 9:00 – 11:00 AM via WebEx

- 1. CALL TO ORDER The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) WebEx meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by Chair Nassersharif. Vice-Chair Echevarria and Senators Barbour, Gindy, Hicks, and Morokoff were in attendance.
- **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The minutes of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting #39 April 7, 2020, were approved.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

The Chair reported on the meeting with the FS Vice-Chair and the President. The President thanked the Faculty Senate for the passage of the alternative grade option for students for Spring 2020. The President discussed the upcoming virtual meeting of the URI Board of Trustees on April 17th. There will be a second virtual meeting during this semester where tenure decisions will be addressed. In their discussion, the President reported on the University budget under the current COVID-19 pandemic stating that moving forward there will be no new searches approved, however current searches underway can be completed. There will be a halt on spending which will not impact research money but may impact auxiliary funds and foundation accounts. The President is committed to the delivery of courses and to keep mission-critical lecturers.

4. ONGOING ITEMS

- **a.** The agenda for the upcoming April 16, 2020 meeting of the Faculty Senate was discussed.
- **5. ADJOURNMENT** Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM.