

Minutes of Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #34

March 28, 2019 2 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:08 PM on Thursday March 28, 2019 in Green Hall President's Conference Room, Chair Leonard presiding with Senators Honhart, Morokoff, Vice Chair Nassersharif, Gindy and Vice Chair Elect Megan Echevarria in attendance. Senator Derbyshire: absent
Guest: Provost DeHayes, Vice Provost Beauvais
1. Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting minutes of March 21, 2019 were approved.
2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - a. Chair Leonard shared the President's suggestion that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee meet with the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education to discuss faculty role in shared governance.
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. The final draft of the External Speakers Policy from Vice President for Administration and Finance, Abigail Rider, was sent to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for review. The Vice President Rider asked for review to be completed in time for the President's return on April 4.
 - b. Senator Morokoff updated the Committee on the progress Special Joint Committee on Graduate School issues. The FSEC Chair and Vice Chair will request a meeting with the President and Provost in anticipation of the completed Committee report.
4. Provost DeHayes and Vice Provost Beauvais entered the room at 2:36 PM.
 - a. The Provost and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) discussed the recent visit to the Office of the Commissioner of Postsecondary Education. The Provost is working with Director of External Relations Kelly Mahoney on strategy.
 - b. The Provost and the FSEC discussed issues related to transfer students. Among them, the number of Community College of Rhode Island transfer students who have won Academic Excellence Awards. In the College of Business, both winners are

transfers from the Community College of RI. The Provost and Vice Provost urged the FSEC to inform them of the origin of winners of these awards.

- c. Chair Leonard explained that in past years the FSEC had been invited to budget meetings with colleges and deans. She asked if there was a reason the FSEC was not invited this year. The Provost said it was merely an oversight. The Provost discussed variables that contribute to difficulties projecting tuition revenues but expects to have more confidence based on student commitment deposits after May 1st. Asked to share college budget decisions in one document for the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.
- d. Faculty 180 will be purchased by the University. The evaluation was overall positive with only two negative replies. There will be IT integration and data validation first with assistance of Faculty. It will roll out this Fall but will take a few years for a complete rollout.

Provost Hayes and Vice Provost Beauvais left the room at 3:42 PM.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee discussed names of Faculty and others to serve on the Special Committee on Majors and Minors in response to concerns from Faculty.
6. The meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM.