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MINUTES

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #36

April 11, 2019 2 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM on Thursday April 11, 2019 in Green Hall President's Conference Room, Chair Leonard presiding with Senators Derbyshire, Honhart, Morokoff, Vice Chair Nassersharif, Gindy and Vice Chair Elect Megan Echevarria in attendance. Guest: President Dooley

2. President Dooley entered the room at 2:05 PM.

The President reported on his testimony on URI given to the RI House and Senate last evening. URI will shortly begin a multi-year process renovating and expanding the Memorial Union. Renovations to the Fine Arts building have begun and will continue. URI Budget from the governor includes \$1.8M for each of the next three years to develop online certificate, degree and post baccalaureate programs with the anticipation they will become self-supporting. Courses will be taught by URI Faculty. The President left the room at 3:10 PM.

3. Minutes of March 28, 2019 and April 4, 2019 were approved.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Leonard developed a draft charge for the Special Committee on Minors and Majors and asked committee members to make edits. The committee will be announced to the Faculty Senate meeting of April 18th, 2019 meeting.

5. BUSINESS

- a. Agenda of April 18, 2019 Faculty Senate Meeting
 - i. Martin Bide, Chair of the Research and Creative Arts Committee has requested time to make a report at the meeting.
 - ii. Committee discussed the University Manual requirement for Committees to make yearly reports to their appointing authority. The University Manual also requires submission of committee reports to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for review a week in advance of the meeting at which the Executive Committee approves the Faculty Senate Agenda.
 - iii. For the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting, the committee agreed to waive the requirement that reports be submitted to the Executive Committee for advance review but will ask committees to plan for short presentations,

taking questions, and having a written report available in advance for senators to read.

- b. Chair Leonard will meet with Vice Provost Bodah to discuss the budget for Faculty Senate.
 - c. The Interim Chief Diversity Officer, Mary Grace Almandrez, will meet with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee at its next meeting, Thursday April 18th at 8:45 AM. Committee members were asked to submit agenda items to Chair Leonard for discussion with the Interim Chief Diversity Officer.
6. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

APPROVED