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Minutes of Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #37

Lippitt Hall Room 302D April 18, 2019 8 AM

1. **CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM on Thursday April 18, 2019 in Lippitt Hall, Chair Leonard presiding with Senators Honhart, Morokoff, Derbyshire, Gindy and Vice Chair Elect Megan Echevarria in attendance. Vice Chair Nassersharif absent.
2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Leonard and Vice Chair Nassersharif met with the President on Monday April 15, 2019. Topics discussed included the upcoming URI Capital Campaign, the Policy on Policies and shared governance.

The Faculty Senate will develop a statement regarding shared governance to orient new Senators at the Senate Boot Camp.

Chair Leonard met with Vice Provost Bodah concerning the Faculty Senate budget.
3. **BUSINESS**
 - a) Sheila Black Grubman Service Award winner was chosen from a slate of 6 nominees from eighteen nominators. The award presentation will take place at the May 2nd meeting.
 - b) The announcement of a special Faculty Senate award will be made at the May 2nd, 2019 Faculty Senate meeting.
 - c) The Wait list was discussed. Chair Leonard will address the Ecampus wait list in response to an email from Senior Associate Director of Enrollment Services. Humphrey.
4. **PRESENTATION**
 - a) Interim Chief Diversity Officer Mary Grace Almandrez met with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. She has been on a listening tour of campus organizations and departments to “gain a deeper understanding of significant diversity-related milestones, identify pressing inclusion and equity needs, and brainstorm ideas for innovative social justice initiatives”. Since her arrival she has met with over sixty-two groups and three hundred -sixty individuals and has identified forty-three goals. She has developed a feedback form on the Community, Equity and Diversity website. Based on information and feedback gathered she will complete a report in the Fall of her findings. She would be willing to present her findings to a Faculty Senate meeting in the Fall. Chair Leonard suggested Interim Director Almandrez meet with the Service and Community Life Committee.
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.