

Faculty Senate Meeting May 2, 2019

Resolution for the Fritz Wenisch Award for Exceptional Contribution to the Faculty Senate

Whereas, the Faculty Senate, at the May 2, 2019 meeting, approved the creation of the Fritz Wenisch Award for Exceptional Contributions to the Faculty Senate, and

Whereas, this award was created to honor Professor and former Senator Wenisch, not only for service to the University through his decades of teaching, but also to the Faculty Senate as a Senator and Chair of the Faculty Senate Constitution, By-Laws, and University Manual Committee (CBUM) for more than 20 years with his breadth of knowledge of the University Manual and parliamentary procedure, and

Whereas, this award will be given to Senators who go above and beyond for the Senate and the Senate Committees, this award, while not having a monetary component, will recognize, acknowledge, and thank the hard work of the awardee.

Therefore, be it Resolved,

That the University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate approved and wishes to formalize the creation of the Fritz Wenisch Award for Exceptional Contributions to the Faculty Senate.

The Fritz Wenisch Award
For Exceptional Contribution to the Faculty Senate Criteria
Awarded by the Faculty Senate

1. Background:

This award is named in honor of Fritz Wenisch who chaired the Faculty Senate Constitution, By-Laws, and University Manual Committee, CBUM, for more than 20 years with wit and humility. His knowledge of the history, content, and meaning of these institutional documents and their application to the life on campus served as an invaluable resource to the Faculty Senate for decades.

2. Description of Award:

This Award is presented annually to an individual faculty Senator who has made an exceptional contribution to the work of the Faculty Senate over the course of the previous academic year. This award recognizes an individual whose service to Faculty Senate embodies qualities of Fritz Wenisch's work: dedication, patience, meticulousness, and work performed with professionalism and human compassion. for colleagues and the institution

2. Who is eligible?

Current Faculty Senators who have not served on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) for at least two years prior to the current year are eligible. Winners from the past five years are not eligible.

3. What does the award recipient receive?

Award recipient receives a Wenisch Award plaque at a meeting of the Faculty Senate and the heartfelt thanks of the Faculty Senate.

4. Nomination Process:

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will make a call for nominations for the award in the spring. Any member of the URI community can nominate a Faculty Senator for the award, by submitting a nomination to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee explaining

Nominee must be a current member of the Faculty Senate.

Nominee will have demonstrated a contribution to the work of the Faculty Senate over the course of the year that is considered outstanding. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee will select the winner.

The nomination shall include:

The name, title, and department of the nominee, an explanation of how the nominator knows the nominee (relationship between the nominator and nominee), including the length of time the nominator has known the nominee, and how the nominator knows of the nominee's work in the Faculty Senate and why that work should be recognized.