

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Minutes of Meeting #33 February 26, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the President's Conference Room, Green Hall by Chair Nassersharif. Senators Barbour, Gindy, Hicks and Morokoff were in attendance. Vice Chair Echevarria was absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. FSEC meeting # 32 February 19, 2020 minutes were approved.

3. MEETING WITH PRESIDENT DOOLEY: (9:00-10:00 a.m.)

- a. President Dooley updated the Executive Committee on the status of the new URI Board of Trustees. Two additional members are in process of being confirmed today by the State. The President reinforced the need for compliance with State laws when the By-Laws, policies, and delegation of authority are developed with the Board. The President is in process of selecting the faculty and student representatives to serve on the Board of Trustees. Chair Nassersharif confirmed with the President that ex officio members of the URI Board of Trustees would be required to file RI ethics forms.
- b. A discussion of the budget ensued. The President reiterated that the budget gap will require an overall, well thought out plan, which he would like to develop now, though the actual numbers from the State will not be known until October.
- c. President Dooley relayed that he spoke with Assistant Vice President Coleman regarding a clarification to the status of classified staff members. He reiterated to the Executive Committee that employees in the state classified system would continue to be state employees under the new Board of Trustees.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Chair Nassersharif reported on the meeting he attended with the Provost on February 25, 2020.
 - i. The Provost updated the Chair on the status of the search for the Dean of the Graduate School. Dean Kirby will chair the search committee. He anticipates a new dean in place by July 1, 2020.
 - ii. Chair Nassersharif asked about the budget deficit and expressed concern of how academics would be affected. A request for additional funding from the State is ongoing.
 - iii. The Provost and Chair discussed on online programs and the Joint Committee on Online and Distance Learning.
 - iv. A discussion the Joint Committee on Academic Planning becoming part of the suspension of program process was initiated.

5. ONGOING ITEMS:

- a. The Committee continued the conversation of online learning and programs. The Committee agreed to review and develop University Manual Language as needed.
- b. The Committee also asked Senator Hicks to review, consolidate, and draft new University Manual language relating to the abolition and/or suspensions of programs for consideration.
- c. Chair Nassersharif asked for nominations for the Diversity Council. Senator Morokoff volunteered.
- d. The Committee also discussed formulating University Manual language for the Abbreviated Bachelor's/Master's (ABM) Programs.

ADJOURNMENT at 11:02 a.m.

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