

Proposal to Change Titles of Faculty Senate Officers

The FSEC proposes to change the titles of the Faculty Senate Officers: Chair to President and Vice Chair to Vice President.

Rationale:

- The Student Senate, the Graduate Student Association, and the AAUP use the titles of President and Vice President. The proposed change will make the titles of the officers of the Faculty Senate consistent with other organizations at URI.
- The titles of President and Vice President will distinguish the roles and responsibilities of the Faculty Senate from other chair titles used for committees.
- The change is timely considering the recent establishment of the URI Board of Trustees (a change from Board of Education/Council on Postsecondary Education) and anticipated interaction with the Faculty Senate.
- The titles of President and Vice President will emphasize the significance and stature of the Faculty Senate and its role in shared governance both externally and within URI.
- President Dooley supports this proposed change in titles of Faculty Senate officers.

Process:

If approved, the Faculty Senate authorizes the Committee on Bylaws and the University Manual to propose appropriate edits in the University Manual and present the proposed changes in the University Manual to the Faculty Senate at the September 2020 meeting.