

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) Minutes**  
**January 25, 2012**

**Members Present:** Dr. Rick Roth, Dr. Rhett Herman, Dr. Pamela Jackson, Dr. Jerry Kopf, Dr. Joe Chase

**Members Absent:** Dr. Kay K. Jordan

**Guests:** Dr. Steven Beach

**I. Call to Order**

- a. Dr. Roth called the meeting to order at 8:12am.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- a. The minutes from the FSEC meeting on January 18, 2012 were approved.

**III. Reports and Announcements**

- a. The FSEC discussed a number of general issues related to the overall University budget. Comments included:
  - i. RU is currently classified “Tier 2,” one of 9 such schools in the state.
  - ii. In the past, if RU self-funded raises, then the General Assembly would take that amount of money out of its appropriations for RU the following year. This penalty kept RU from self-funding raises in the past even if it had the funds available.
  - iii. There is a gap in the tuition and fees of RU as compared to the state average for all schools. The state government sets the maximum that schools can raise tuition and fees in a given year. The Board of Visitors of each school then sets their own tuition and fees with this limit in mind. In the past RU’s BOV has often raised tuition and fees at a lower rate than the maximum allowed by the state. The FSEC would be in favor of RU being allowed to raise tuition and fees at a rate higher than the state allows in order to close the gap between RU and the state average.

**IV. Old Business**

- a. None.

**V. New Business**

- a. None.

**VI. Adjournment**

- a. The meeting adjourned at 8:53am.