



Faculty Senate

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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Date: 1/22/2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom ID: 930 5941 8544

- A. **Call to order**
- B. **Present:** Perla Salazar, Gabe Winger, Winsom Lamb, Brian McCallum, Courtney Morris, Susan Ortega, Roman Simon, Seth Kristalyn, Nicole Dick, Shelli Lalicker, Lachele Greathouse
- C. **Absent**
- D. **Program Highlight** – none
- E. **Approval of minutes:** 11/20/20 minutes approved and 12/14/20 minutes approved.
- F. **Report from College Council**

Met on Jan 13, 2020.

Dr. Ruda discussed the current stimulus funding. He anticipates that it will be like the previous funding in how it is to be distributed among the college needs and students. The funding is approximately \$2.5 million.

The DEI committee is moving forward with deciding on committee membership, goals, mission, and activities.

The college is continuing the preparation for the Accreditation (HLC) visit. Dr. Ruda is trying to plan ahead and keep the BOT updated.

Leadership training for the College Council is scheduled for Feb. 1.

- G. **Report from Board of Trustees**

Met on Jan 12, 2021.

The new BOT positions were elected. The new BOT Chair is Marilyn Douglass, and the Vice Chair is Beth Tedrow. The new Deputy Clerk is Jodie Tewell. Currently the Board Clerk position is vacant.

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Dr. Ruda shared the new projects going on throughout campus..... JCVT classroom remodels, cooling towers, Esports competition room, and the new building entry system.

The BOT approved the virtual cadaver tables.

H. **Old Business**

a. Learning Communities

- i. Courtney filmed her NearPod learning/instructional application demo. Gabe has reached out to multiple people/departments to share but is having a very difficult time getting any response. Welding has agreed to share their video they did for Exploration Day. Gabe will get with Stacy Carr to get the links from all the videos that were shared during Exploration Day and post them on our YouTube page (unlisted). Perla suggested a video, done by our science instructors, about the scientific background and information on vaccinations.

b. Awards

- i. The committee decided to give out last year and this year awards at the same time during a ceremony at the end of the year. The goal is to plan a F2F ceremony in the gym. If, at some point, the COVID restrictions prohibit F2F gatherings, the committee will reorganize the plan. The committee agreed to have the first round of nominations be due Feb. 26 and the second round be due March 12.

- c. SIDE NOTE: Please encourage people use the professional development money.....there is plenty to share!

I. **New Business**

a. Proposed Probation Policy

- i. This Probation policy will replace the current policy. The intent is to streamline the process making it easier for students and the Registrar's office. One big change includes the change from using the cumulative GPA to semester GPA. Several committee members researched other college's policy for comparison. It seems like other colleges have too vague and we have too much. It was discussed that maybe this needs to be two separate policies so that it is not so long and confusing. Perla will take our notes and suggestions to Leslie for review.

J. **Joys and Concerns**

- a. Shelli shared that the zoo has a brand-new baby rhino!!
- b. Seth has 9 total students between his creative and advanced creative writing courses!
- c. Courtney brought up the concern around the recent KBOR article about 4-year universities/colleges eliminating tenure for budgetary reasons.
- d. Winsom shared her concern about the lack of attendance at the MLK speaker. Also suggested that we encourage SGA to change the time to better match up with class start times.

K. **Executive Session:** not needed

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L. **Next meeting**

- a. February 12th at 1:30 p.m.

M. **Adjournment:** meeting adjourned at 2:55pm