



Faculty Senate

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Nicole Dick —President
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Larry Jenkins—Senator
Susan Ortega —Senator
Brian McCallum —Senator
Courtney Morris —Alternate

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Date 4/21/20 at 2:30pm

Location: Zoom

- A. **Call to order:** 2:33 pm
- B. **Present:** Nicole Dick, Perla Salazar, Seth Kristalyn, Liz Tharman, Larry Jenkins, Susan Ortega, Brian McCallum, Courtney Morris, Phil Hoke, Marc Malone, Renee Harbin, Gabe Winger, Cody Cundiff, Lachele Greathouse, Tammy Hutcheson
- C. **Absent:** None
- D. **Comments from guests:** None
- E. **Program Highlight:** None
- F. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes from the April 6th meeting were approved.
- G. **Report from College Council**
 - a. College Council has not met since Faculty Senate’s last meeting. They will meet on Wednesday, April 22nd via Zoom.
- H. **Report from Board of Trustees**
 - a. The Board of Trustees passed a change to a lower tuition rate for summer due to all summer classes going to an online format.
 - b. The Board of Trustees discussed the contract with Cengage for Cengage Unlimited. Dr. Ruda requested that we not change the contract but simply extend it as is.
 - c. The Board of Trustees discussed extending Dr. Ruda’s contract.
 - d. Much of the Board’s discussion centered around COVID-19 and the impact on GCCC.
 - e. The Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, May 12 at 6pm.
- I. **Old Business**
 - a. Nominees for the yearly awards were discussed in Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

Mission: The Faculty Senate shall serve as a body of the faculty for the purpose of overseeing the rights, privileges, and interests of the teaching faculty by acting as a liaison with Administration and the Board of Trustees.

- b. Chris Turpin will make gifts for the award winners. Winners will be announced by email this semester and will be recognized with their physical awards in the fall semester due to COVID-19.
- c. FS File and Canvas Updates
 - i. The Professional Development Request Form will be discussed via email focusing on making it easier for people to submit it.
 - ii. Susan will provide Seth with the updated Professional Development Request Process to upload to Canvas.
- d. Nicole reminded everyone to look at the Appeals Policy and be ready to discuss it.

J. New Business

- a. WSU article: <https://thesunflower.com/50619/news/faculty-senate-recommends-students-get-to-choose-between-credit-no-credit-or-letter-grades/>.
 - i. Faculty Senate discussed whether giving students an option to switch their courses from letter grade to pass/fail. After consideration and discussion, Faculty Senate determined that it is too late in the semester to provide this option especially considering logistical concerns and limitations with BusterWeb, the registrar, and financial aid. Faculty Senate suggests that instructors look into assigning Incompletes if necessary.
- b. Deans Terpstra and Pfeiffer reached out to Nicole to work on a list of committees. Nicole provided the current list created by Faculty Senate and will work with the Deans to keep it current and up to date.
- c. Faculty Senate discussed their remaining funds since most professional development opportunities have been canceled as well as the Faculty Appreciation Luncheon. Faculty Senate passed a resolution to stop any non-essential spending from Faculty Senate funds and allow the remainder to go back to the college to help offset budget concerns due to COVID-19. Seth suggested requesting that administration not cut Faculty Senate funding in the future because of the unused funds this year.

K. Joys and Concerns: Whether we are all aware of it or not, COVID-19 is affecting our students and their families. Tammy reminded everyone that campus closet is still open and has received several large donations as well. Brian suggested that faculty reach out to students to remind them of the service.

L. Executive Session

- a. Faculty Senate discussed the nominees from the first round of voting and how to conduct the next step. Seth will edit forms and provide them to the rest of Faculty Senate to review before they are sent out to all faculty.

M. Next meeting: Monday 5/4/20 at 2:30 via Zoom

N. Adjournment: 3:29 pm