



Faculty Senate

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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Date 4/6/20 at 2:30pm

Location: Zoom

- A. **Call to order:** 2:30 p.m.
- B. **Present:** Seth Kristalyn, Nicole Dick, Courtney Morris, Perla Salazar, Phil Hoke, Renee Carmichael, Susan Ortega, Larry Jenkins, Brian McCallum, Lachele Greathouse, Liz Tharman, Jonathan Whitacre
- C. **Absent:** None
- D. **Comments from guests:** None
- E. **Program Highlight:** Renee Carmichael presented on her attendance at KMEA. The State Bands and Choirs have ongoing performances throughout the time. She attended several sessions including a workshop on teaching orchestra when you are a wind player and not a strings player, mental health and music majors, how the brain works, and women in music.
- F. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes from the March 9th meeting were approved.
- G. **Report from College Council**
 - a. The March 11th meeting was led by Marc Malone because Dr. Ruda was absent. They discussed the current state of the college, the virus, and policy. Nicole reported that most of what was discussed is no longer pertinent as this was before the college switched to an online format for the semester.
 - b. Nicole reported that College Council also went over the Drug Policy used by Tech in great detail focusing on students who refuse to take drug testing and forms.
 - c. The March 25th meeting was canceled.
 - d. The next meeting will be held via Zoom on the possible date of April 8th.
- H. **Report from Board of Trustees**
 - a. Nicole reported that the board discussed refinance options and the Bus Barn but no decisions were made.
 - b. The Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, April 14th at 6 p.m. presumably through Zoom or another similar option.
- I. **Old Business**

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- a. The remaining Spring Lunches with Dr. Ruda (JCVT and Fouse) will not happen this semester. Faculty Senate discussed having them in the fall, but decided to do them next spring as normal.
- b. Perla reported that Amy Kocher's learning community has been canceled as it requires hands on activity. Liz will ask Jeanie Ferguson about holding the quiz bowl learning community online in some fashion.
- c. All professional development requests for in person conferences have been canceled. Nicole suggested promoting funding for online trainings.
- d. Semester Timeline
 - i. Seth reported that no new nominees have been submitted. Faculty Senate has four open spots and only three nominees. After discussion and in light of the unprecedented situation, Faculty Senate will solicit new nominees in the fall and hold the election then.
 - ii. The Faculty Senate Luncheon planned for Friday, April 24th has been canceled. Faculty Senate discussed other options for recognizing those retiring and award winners.
 - iii. Nicole will email the survey again so that more faculty may participate in nominating individuals for the awards. The student voted faculty award was tabled until next year.
 - iv. Nicole will discuss the gifts for winners with Chris Turpin who has made them in the past.
- e. FS File and Canvas Updates
 - i. Faculty Senate tabled the discussion of a revised Professional Development Request Form.
 - ii. Faculty Senate tabled the discussion of a Professional Development Request Process document.
 - iii. Faculty Senate tabled the discussion of a yearly Goals Form for faculty senate.
- f. Nicole asked everyone to review the Appeals Policy for future discussion and revision.

J. New Business

- a. Moving to Work-from-home
 - i. Faculty Senate discussed the possibility of the fall semester being online or partially online.
 - ii. Faculty Senate determined that emailing the link to their Zoom meetings will fulfill the open meeting requirements.
 - iii. Faculty Senate discussed providing faculty with a way to share their needs and requests. It was suggested to have a way for faculty to share what they've been doing online with other faculty in order to celebrate and support each other.

K. Joys and Concerns: Faculty Senate thanks everyone for the great job they have done and continue to do. Brian thanked Jamie Durler for being very helpful with the transition to online teaching.

L. Executive Session (if needed): None

M. Next meeting: Monday, April 20th at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom

N. Adjournment: 3:09 p.m.

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