



Faculty Senate

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Larry Jenkins—Senator
Susan Ortega —Senator
Brian McCallum —Senator
Courtney Morris —Alternate

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Date 5/4/20 at 2:30pm

Location: Zoom

- A. **Call to order:** 2:33 p.m.
- B. **Present:** Nicole Dick, Perla Salazar, Seth Kristalyn, Liz Tharman, Larry Jenkins, Susan Ortega, Brian McCallum, Courtney Morris, Cody Cundiff, Lachele Greathouse, Phil Hoke, Renee Harbin, Jonathan Whitacre, Cayla Thomlinson, Guillermina Hinde, Marc Malone, Mia Horn, Shelli Lalicker
- C. **Absent:** None
- D. **Comments from guests:** None
- E. **Program Highlight:** None
- F. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes from the April 21st meeting were approved.
- G. **Report from College Council – met 4/22/20**
 - a. College Council reviewed the Board of Trustees’ decision in their special meeting to work with the state to use dorms as housing due to COVID-19.
 - b. College Council discussed the Federal Stimulus funding previously reported by Dr. Ruda.
 - c. Commencement will be held virtually on Friday, May 8th.
 - d. They discussed ways to conduct social and emotional check-ins with students.
 - e. They reviewed the Religious Freedom Policy that was recently sent out. Nicole reported that it focuses on stating that prayers and similar activities aren’t mandatory and that people should be given the opportunity to leave before they are conducted.
 - f. College Council will meet again on Wednesday, May 13 via Zoom.
- H. **Report from Board of Trustees**
 - a. The Board of Trustees has not met since April 20th. They will meet again on Tuesday, May 12 at 6 p.m.

- I. **Old Business**

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- a. Nicole has sent out the forms for the second round of discussion on the faculty and staff awards. She encouraged everyone to remind others to use them to give faculty senate feedback on the nominees. The entire form does not need to be filled out for it be valid.
- b. FS File and Canvas Updates
 - i. Nicole created a new Professional Development Request Form which faculty senate reviewed and approved. Nicole will work on replacing the old one with the new one on the website and Canvas.
 - ii. The Professional Development Request Process is still being worked on. Susan will send what she has for review.
- c. Faculty Senate discussed the proposed Appeals Policy which combines several previous appeals policies into one policy. Changes were made to clarify the policy and language was updated to reflect current practices. Nicole will send out a copy of it to faculty for feedback.

J. New Business

- a. Summary of Officers' Meeting with Dr. Ruda
 - i. The renewed contract with Cengage has been approved for two more years at the same cost. The college will reassess using Cengage in the future.
 - ii. Faculty Senate cautions everyone that budgets for next year might look different as the current situation due to COVID-19 is fluid. In the meeting, faculty senate was assured by Dr. Ruda that faculty senate's budget would not be cut because we did not use all the funds this year.
 - iii. Faculty members are not required to attend the virtual commencement ceremony on Friday, May 8th. However, they are strongly encouraged to attend if able.
- b. Brian continues to host Happy Hour gatherings via Zoom. The next gathering will be moved due to commencement.
- c. The due date for Spring 2020 grades has been pushed back to Sunday, May 17th at 2 p.m.

K. Joys and Concerns: None

L. Executive Session: None

M. Next meeting: Monday 5/18/20 at 2:30 via Zoom

N. Adjournment: 2:59 p.m.

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