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GCFC Meeting  
8/31/2021 Notes

Present: Agler, Holt, (Holt Proxy for Franke), Lamey, Rouse, Stanfield, Mistretta, Leaf, Funk, Zantow, Zhang, Zhou, Davis, Rishel, Wu, Naquin

Absent:

- Meeting called to order by President David Holt
- Motion to accept the agenda; second; motion carries unanimously
- Motion to approve April 2020 minutes; second; motion carries unanimously
- Officer Reports:
  - President (Holt):
    - David Holt President, B. Davis stepped down
    - CLT meeting notes in the Teams
      - Fixing the COLT document that was originally created
      - Working primarily on community outreach portion in last two meetings
    - Executive Conference Center
      - Approved
      - Designed by Unabridged Architecture
      - Designed for conferences, community outreach, and other large gatherings, potentially for film screenings
      - Determining location but likely to be on the east side of campus
    - Residence Life: full this year, generated interest in additional living spaces such as this one
      - Community college students also live there
    - State of the Faculty Survey
      - Posted in Teams
  - President-Elect: not elected yet so no report
  - Secretary (Stanfield): no report
  - Secretary-Elect: not elected yet so no report
- Old Business
  - Electing Officers
    - President-Elect:
      - Nominations: Bridgette Davis
      - Motion to close nominations and accept Davis as PE; second; motion carries unanimously
    - Secretary-Elect:
      - Nominations: Kalyn Lamey
      - Motion to close nominations and accept Lamey as SE; second; motion carries unanimously
- New Business
  - Meeting Times:

- Proposed to be Wednesday before each Senate meeting at 11:45am in University Club and virtually as well
- Faculty Senate Update:
  - Faculty Senate working with fellow Faculty Senate leadership in IHL institutions.
  - To relay to FS:
    - Accommodations for faculty not being handled correctly by HR
    - No fluidity in transitioning classes from face to face to online even when the motivation is to boost enrollment and not COVID related
    - Waiting till late evening to determine whether classes would be f2f or online the next day is inconsiderate of faculty and students who might have evacuated or commute in from other places.
    - Laptop loans to students—advocate for continuation of that (and update the supply)
- Next meeting September 29, 11:45am
- Announcements
- Adjourn

*Jamie Stanfield*