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Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Friday, December 4th, 2020, 2:00p.m.
Via Zoom

Call to Order

President Lillian Hill called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Roll Call

Members present include: Tammy Greer, Shahid Karim, Tom Rishel, Wes Johnson, Lindsey Conlin-Maxwell, , Damon Franke, Emily Stanbeck, Brian LaPierre, Mary Funk, Jeremy Scott, Jennifer Courts, Leffi Cewe-Malloy, Louis Rackoff, Joanne Burnette, Robert Press, Nell Adkins, Shinhua Liu, John Miller, Michelle Jeanfreau, Lillian Hill, Alisa Lowrey, Catharine Bomhold, Tamara Hurst, Susan Mayfield-Johnson, Kimberly Ward, Denis Wiesenburg, Jennifer Brannock, Lin Agler, Patsy Anderson, Kalyn Lamey, Sharon Rouse, Joe Olmi, Sergei Nazarenko, Richard Perry, Lisa Green

Members who were not in attendance include: Michael Davis, Robert Leaf, Jae-Hwa Shin, Whitney Martin, Timothy Tesh, Gary Krebs, Bonnie Harbaugh

Quorum: A quorum (22) was established and recognized. (36 members present).

Voting Membership Present: $\frac{2}{3}$ membership for voting on Bylaws and Resolutions (29) was established. (36 members were present).

Adoption of Agenda

A motion to accept the agenda was made. The motion was seconded. The motion to accept the agenda was approved by the majority of the members.

Agenda of the Minutes (November)

A motion to accept the minutes as is was made. The motion was seconded. The motion to accept the September meeting minutes was approved by the majority of the members.

Program

Provost Moser briefly discussed COVID-19 and enrollment trends. He then answered questions from Faculty Senators.

Dean of Students Sirena Cantrell further discussed COVID-19 trends, protocols, and updates. She then answered questions from Faculty Senators.

Officer Reports

President – President Hill reported she and President-Elect LaPierre have been in contact with Provost Moser to discuss scheduling meetings with Faculty Senate leadership. She also eluded to the proposed change (4.5) to the Faculty Handbook, which was further discussed in the committee report.

President-Elect- No report.

Secretary- No report.

Secretary-Elect- No report

Committee Reports

Academics- Guest speaker Mike Vera spoke regarding concerns with the academic integrity committee. Faculty Senate discussed in depth. Several solutions were proposed and the committee will follow-up on these solutions. Additionally, Chair Franke reported that the committee is discussing items such as student evaluations, Canvas, midterm grades.

Administrative Evaluation- No report.

Awards- No report

Bylaws- no report

Elections- No report

Finance- No report

Faculty Handbook Advisory– Discussed proposal 4.5 to replace 3.1.1 in Faculty Handbook.

A vote was held to approve the Faculty Senate support of 4.5 to submit for consideration to the University Handbook Committee. The vote passed with a majority of members in support (30-0).

Governance- Submitted Resolution #5 regarding shared governance and employee handbook. The majority of the Faculty Senate voted to support and approve this resolution (27-2).

Gulf Coast- Reported key points from several meetings with administration discussing the Gulf Park Campus reorganization.

University Relations and Communications- No report

Welfare and Environment- Discussed working with SGA and Staff Council, working on mental health and academic integrity, as well as equity and diversity in regards to faculty.

Outside Committee Reports/Other University Advisory Committees' Reports- None

Consent Items -None

Unfinished Business- No unfinished business.

New Business- None

Good of the Order-

Announcements -None

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made. The motion was seconded. The motion passed by a majority of the Faculty Senate.