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Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 5th, 2021, 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, Wes Johnson, Michael Davis, Robert Leaf, Whitney Martin, 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, Jae-Hwa Shin, Timothy Tesh, Lindsey Conlin-Maxwell (proxy- Jae Hwa Shin)

Members who were not in attendance include: Bonnie Harbaugh, Tom Rishel, Raj Kallaru

Quorum: A quorum (22) was established and recognized. (40 members present).

Voting Membership Present: $\frac{2}{3}$ membership for voting on Bylaws and Resolutions (29) was established. (40 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.

Approval of the Minutes (December)

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

Program

Provost Moser and Executive Vice Provost of Academic Affairs Chasteen briefly addressed the previous resolutions and discussed the COVID impact statement which has been developed to be utilized in faculty annual evaluations. They then answered questions from Faculty Senators regarding coastal reorganization, faculty handbook language, sabbatical pay reduction memo from MS Attorney General, second round of COVID-19 funding, COVID-19 vaccinations offering, graduate assistant insurance elimination, enrollment numbers, research support from CARES money, closure of the Gulf Coast Library, and class scheduling in the Fall.

Officer Reports

President – A Faculty Engagement Rubric is being circulated to School Directors for Schools to modify and include in their policy and procedures document.

President-Elect- No report.

Secretary- No report.

Secretary-Elect- No report

Committee Reports

Academics- No report.

Administrative Evaluation- No report.

Awards- No report

Bylaws- No report

Elections- One vacancy in the School of Kinesiology. Chair has reached out to the Director for replacement.

Finance- Met with Allyson Easterwood last month and have another meeting planned for 2/8.21. Send questions to committee for Allyson Easterwood prior to the meeting.

Faculty Handbook Advisory – Involved in faculty engagement rubric and draft language to updates in Faculty Handbook.

Governance- No report. Discussion on non-response from President Bennett on resolutions.

Gulf Coast- Gulf Coast Faculty Council met on 1/22/21 to hear updates from Directors. Discussed candidates for Senior Associate Vice President for Coastal Operations.

University Relations and Communications- No report

Welfare and Environment- SGA Senate Representative Sarah Landrum reported the SGA Senate held an open forum for students, as well as other business of the SGA Senate. Committee members updated on the work of the committee including: COVID-19 notifications for faculty, compiling brochure on mental health resources, campus wide campaign regarding stigma on mental health treatment, diversity and equity committee working with several groups on campus, and the graduate assistant health insurance elimination.

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

Consent Items – None.

Unfinished Business- None.

New Business- None.

Good of the Order- While the President Bennett has not responded to any of the resolutions the Faculty Senate has written, Provost Moser seems to be responding by his participation in monthly meetings with Executive Cabinet and Committee Chairs of the Faculty Senate.

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.