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## Faculty Senate Minutes--April 9, 2021

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**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 2:00p.m.  
Via Zoom

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

Members present include: Tammy Greer, Bonnie Harbaugh, Damon Franke, Emily Stanbeck, Brian LaPierre, Jeremy Scott, Jennifer Courts, Leffi Cewe-Malloy, Joanne Burnette, Robert Press, Nell Adkins, John Miller, Michelle Jeanfreau, Lillian Hill, Alisa Lowrey, Catharine Bomhold, Tamara Hurst, Susan Mayfield-Johnson, Kimberly Ward, Denis Wiesenburg, Jennifer Brannock, Lin Agler, Kalyn Lamey, Sharon Rouse, Joe Olmi, Richard Perry, Jae-Hwa Shin, Timothy Tesh, Lindsey Conlin-Maxwell, Lisa Green, Tom Rishel, Mary Funk (proxy- Sharon Rouse), Whitney Martin, Danilo Mezzadri, Stephanie McCoy

Members who were not in attendance include:, Shahid Karim, Michael Davis, Raj Kallaru, Wes Johnson, Robert Leaf, Sergei Nazarenko, Louis Rackoff, Shinhua Liu, Patsy Anderson

Quorum: A quorum (22) was established and recognized. (35 members present).

Voting Membership Present:  $\frac{2}{3}$  membership for voting on Bylaws and Resolutions (29) was established. (35 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 (March)**

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

**Program**

Provost Moser attended and discussed an update on the Barnes & Nobles textbook program, faculty salary compression, COVID vaccination progress and plans, as well as the plan for graduation ceremonies. Executive Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Chasteen attended and provided an update on proctoring, end of the semester reminders, Faculty First Week, and the Fall and Spring calendars. Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs Gillespie reported that faculty now had access to Academic Impressions. Associate Dean of Students Deus attended to report on the USM CARES system and answered questions from the Faculty Senate.

**Officer Reports**

President – Executive Committee met with President, Provost, and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs to address shared governance.

President-Elect- No report

Secretary- No report

Secretary-Elect- No report

### **Committee Reports**

Academics- Textbook - Met with Alison Gillespie. Send questions to the committee for upcoming meetings.

Administrative Evaluation- Questionnaire is completed and sent to President and Secretary for distribution to entire faculty. Will remain open until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage colleagues to complete.

Awards- No report.

Bylaws- No report.

Elections- Emailed directors of schools who need to hold elections. Directors should return names to chair by the end of the month. All Faculty Senate members are encouraged to begin thinking about possible nominations for President-Elect and Secretary-Elect.

Finance- Met with Allyson Easterwood on 3/22/21. Discussed CARES money. Email questions for next upcoming meeting to chair.

Faculty Handbook Advisory- Elections were held for the University Faculty Handbook Committee.

Governance- Proposal to amend the Faculty Senate bylaws that require the university president to respond to Faculty Senate resolutions within a 30 day time period. The proposal wording was amended per discussion of the faculty senate. "Within thirty (30) business days of acknowledged receipt of a resolution, the Faculty Senate expects a written response from the University President to the concerns contained therein."

**Motion:** Motion to amend the bylaws was made. The motion was seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 26 (in favor)-2 (opposed)- 1(abstain).

Gulf Coast- Gulf Coast faculty were interested in attending Coast Graduation because the MS Coast Coliseum has a higher capacity. The Provost addressed this at the beginning of the meeting. GCFC is interested in pursuing becoming an official advisory body. The unnamed new school in A&S on GP now has an Interim Director, Lee Follett, and is working on a name.

University Relations and Communications- Encouraged faculty members to reach out to junior faculty members for support.

Welfare and Environment- Presented data and systematic disparities in hiring, salary, rank, etc in upper and school-level administration, and faculty. Discussing sustainable solutions for Graduate Assistant stipends and subsidies. Encouraged faculty to continue to speak up as this has a large impact on the upcoming year's solution.

**Outside Committee Reports/Other University Advisory Committees' Reports-** AAUP is developing a questionnaire to send to the faculty to obtain current state and sense of well-being.

**Consent Items** – None.

**Unfinished Business**- None.

**New Business**- None.

**Good of the Order**- David Sliman reported that next week, all passwords will now be required to be 12 characters in length and that in the Fall, passwords will no longer expire.

**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.



**Attachment: Meeting chat**

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