



Faculty Senate

February 3, 2021

Meeting Minutes

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Note: The remarks of the senators and others are summarized and not verbatim. The recording of this meeting is available in the Faculty Senate Recorder's office.

(A moment of silence was observed for our colleague, Tonya Melvin-Bryant)

PRESENT: Subhajit Chakraborty, Jessica Doll, Bong Jeong, Robert Killins, Arlise McKinney, Leann Mischel, Jake Voegel, Andy Weinbach, James Davis, Suzanne Horn, Susan Foley, Cheng-Yuan Lee, Nilo Ramos, Jim Arendt, Ellen Arnold, Aneilya Barnes, Elizabeth Baltes, Susan Bergeron, Andrea Bergstrom, Adam Chamberlain, James Everett, Jeffrey Halverson, Steven Hamelman, Kyle Holody, Emma Howes, Drew Kurlowski, John Navin, Kate Oestreich, Shari Orisch, Kimberly Schumacher, Dory Sibley, Don Sloan, Frederick Wood, Min Ye, Miranda Breneman, Brian Bunton, Wanda Dooley, Kelly Elliot, Menassie Ephrem, Diane Fribance, Paul Gayes, Siming Guo, Kelly Johnson, Brian Lee, Susan Montenery, Michael Murphy, Tally Wright, Kerry Schwanz, Matthew Wilkinson, Daniel Williams, Lisa Winters, Sara Rich, Ina Seethaler, Ariana Baker, Allison Faix, Holley Tankersley

SUBSTITUTIONS: Crystal Cox for Clint Fuchs, Erika Tritle for Renee Smith, Robin Russell for Benjamin Sota

ABSENT: Lorraine Runion, David Duncan, Jakob Lauver, Justin Lovich, Amber McWilliams, Doug Van Hoewyk, Alejandro Munoz-Garces

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The December 2, 2020 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA: The February 3, 2021 consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

President Benson:

- President Benson welcomed everyone to join the next Empowered University which will be held on February 26, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. This session will be moderated by Dr. Tia Stokes-Brown.

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- The University has just received final state approvals for the Kimbel Library renovation and construction of the Library Learning Complex. The Library Learning Complex is slated for an August 2023 completion.
- There will be two outdoor graduation ceremonies this coming May. They will be held on May 7th and May 8th.

Provost Ennis:

- Provost Ennis shared an admission's report on retention. First-semester retention, to date, of the fall 2020 freshman class is 89.4% This is up from the previous year, which was 89.1%.
- Freshmen applications are up 4.2% for fall 2021. Freshmen deposits are down 36.7%. Provost Ennis credits these number with the University's move to Common App. With this new application program, the University increases its applications, but is down in yield.
- Fall 2021 will be modeled after the fall 2019 schedule. Classes will be primarily face-to-face with normal caps.

Lee Carter, Director of Wellness Outreach, LiveWell Office:

- The QPR Initiative is a new training coming out of the LiveWell Office. QPR stands for Question, Persuade and Refer. This is a suicide prevention training. This training gives faculty and staff tools for what to do or say if a student is struggling with thoughts of self-harm or suicide. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many students are battling with mental health issues.
- The QPR training is in Moodle and takes about an hour. There are some employees on campus that may be required to take the training.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Brian Bunton, Chair, reported the following:

- Approval of undergraduate administrative actions 10-12 and graduate administrative actions 2-3 from the December 2, 2020 meeting.
- There are ten policies that are up for review. These are forthcoming to future Senate meetings for a vote.
- Sharon Tutrone, Lecturer in Communication, Media and Culture, has been nominated to the new committee that reviews proposals for the Chanticleer Store
- The Faculty Senate Chair report was given via writing in the December Board of Trustees meeting. It is also located on the Faculty Senate website for viewing.
- The previously scheduled Q&A with President Benson has been postponed and a new date is currently being worked on.
- Faculty Senate Executive Committee elections are this coming May.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Calendar Committee is putting together a series of questions to try and determine faculty's strong feelings on semester start dates and break dates.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lydia Deeck, Faculty Senate Recorder

Approved by Brian Bunton, Faculty Senate Chair