



*Faculty Senate*

April 1, 2020 (held virtually in Microsoft Teams)

Meeting Minutes

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**PRESENT:** Subhajit Chakraborty, Michael Latta, Jessica Doll, Nicholas Rhew, Lorraine Runion, Jake Vogel, Samuel Wathen, James Davis, Susan Foley, Suzanne Horn, Nilo Ramos, Aneilya Barnes, Ellen Arnold, Elizabeth Baltus, Susan Bergeron, Steven Bleicher, Adam Chamberlain, Jeffrey Halverson, Kyle Holody, Drew Kurlowski, Ray Moye, Alejandro Munoz-Garces, Kate Oestreich, Shari Orisch, Gillian Richards-Greaves, Kimberly Schumacher, Don Sloan, Christian Smith, Min Ye, Miranda Brenneman, Brian Bunton, Wanda Dooley, Dave Duncan, Menassie Ephrem, Diane Fribance, Clint Fuchs, Kelly Johnson, Jakob Lauver, Brian Lee, Susan Montenery, Michael Murphy, Tally Wright, Kerry Schwanz, Doug Van Hoewyk, Daniel Williams, Andrew Busch, Ina Seethaler, Scott Bacon, Allison Faix, Holley Tankersley

**SUBSTITUTIONS:** Steve Hammelman for Renee Smith, Til Hannebuth for Erin Hackett

**ABSENT:** Michael Latta, Andy Weinbach, Jim Arendt, Benjamin Sota, Todd Wren, Roi Gurka, Chelsea Kaunert, Matt Wilkinson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The March 4, 2020 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** All items on the April 1, 2020 Consent Agenda passed by unanimous consent.

**PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

President DeCenzo:

- There are no words that can be said about the extremely difficult time the university and everyone around the world is facing due to the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- Thank-you to the faculty for stepping up in these tough times. There have been very positive remarks, from parents in particular, about how the faculty are helping the students get through this semester.

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- There was an email that went out today indicating the refund that students will be getting for housing, meal plans and parking permits. This refund totals just over \$10 million dollars.
- In regards to an update in enrollment for the fall semester, the numbers do not look good as of now. This is not just a Coastal problem, it is happening all over the country.
- After this pandemic, the university will be looking at a different kind of higher education. Hopefully, we can gain a sense of normalcy soon enough.

Provost Ennis:

- We will continue on with Faculty Town Halls. There will be one on Monday at 10:00 a.m.
- Regarding scholarly leave, there will be no sabbaticals granted for the 2020-2021 academic year. This will reset the cycle for Fall 2021.
- All summer courses have been moved online, this includes Summer I and Summer II.
- Student Evaluations will move forward for this term.

Travis Overton, Chief of Staff:

- The Presidential Search Advisory Committee traveled offsite for interviews with candidates.
- There will be a timeline adjustment, given the recent pandemic and what these candidates may have to deal with at their current schools.
- The university will communicate a more updated timeline as the information unfolds.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Brian Bunton, Chair, reported the following:

- The Faculty Senate Executive Committee made a decision to hold the May 6, 2020 Faculty Senate virtually in Microsoft Teams.
- Approval of undergraduate administrative actions 22-26 from the March 4, 2020 meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Academic Affairs Committee

1. Motion to approve a new undergraduate course: UNIV 154 – Fundamentals of Integrative Learning. (Form C – ID# 2467). **The motion passed (35 in favor, 7 not in favor).**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Academic Affairs Committee

1. Motion to modify policy STUD-332: Class Attendance. **The motion passed (35 in favor, 5 not in favor).**
2. Motion to approve a proposal to implement test-optional admissions. **The motion passed (39 in favor, 4 not in favor).**

B. Faculty Senate Executive Committee

1. Motion to modify section 4.5.2.1 – Faculty Senate Chair in the Faculty Manual. **The motion failed (19 in favor, 23 not in favor).**

C. Graduate Council Committee

1. Motion to modify section 6.11 – Graduate Faculty in the Faculty Manual. **The motion passed (40 in favor, 2 not in favor).**

D. Intercollegiate Athletic Committee

1. Motion to modify the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee membership. **The motion failed (7 in favor, 30 not in favor).**

**QUASI COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Lydia Deeck, Faculty Senate Recorder

Approved by Brian Bunton, Faculty Senate Chair