

Faculty Senate Minutes
April 24, 2020

Senators Present: Babb, Jeffry (President); King, Robert (Vice President); Medlock, Anne (Secretary); Clark, Elizabeth; Castillo, Yvette; Curl, Dan; Craig, David; Farren, Gene; Franken, Noah; Garcia, Elizabeth; Gill, Kristina; Howell, Nathan; Karaganis, Stephen; Kwan, Mun Yee; Leitch, Ken; Lewis, Jeremy; Macaulay, Chris; Ramos-Salazar, Leslie; Rausch, Mary; Rollin, Lisa; Seth, Dan; Wang, Barbara; Williams, Kevin;

Senators Absent: Ambrose, Bill; Clifton, Noel; Fritzler, Jason; Tyrer, Pat;

Substitutes: NA

Welcome/Call to Order

Visitor: Dr. Neil Terry, VPAA

What is the budget situation?

Expects a state budget cut in June

A 5% cut wouldn't be terrible

A 20% cut would be terrible, especially if they make it retroactive

Going to protect the faculty

Expecting enrollment down 15%

What can we do to try to entice WT for the unemployed?

Waiving fees for Graduate students

Currently have 500 new people in the pipeline for graduate students

New Students are getting highly discounted summer classes after they have enrolled

Should have at least 6 classes

Is currently more optimistic than pessimistic

What will happen with merit?

Doesn't force any path to have a merit pool this year

If we can get through budget cuts and enrollment may have

The Fall and Social Distancing

We plan on being an open campus in the fall

Asked the Deans to work with department heads and associate Deans what classes could be hybrid

Still wants students to have some contact with faculty

Whats the ventilation system like and how does that effect spaces?

A big class room with bad ventilation doesn't help

Want to honor the faculty's method of teaching

Wants to discuss whats the faculty input to plan for the fall

Needs less classes of 40

What can we do online, what can we do on campus

Moving through classes in the halls

Dr. Terry doesn't think class will be the same

First concern is for the faculty.

Risk factor is not as high for most students as it is for the faculty

Faculty may lecture from office through Zoom and not be in the same space as the students.

Are there guideline that the senate wants to put forward?

Wants faculty to be able to say if they are all online.

Will make an effort to contact students, will contact students to evaluate how this is going

What can we do to try to keep students engaged with non academics?

Networking and social aspects of university

Give all students single dorms, no roommates

Before the semester ends we need to send some information to faculty for the fall.

Current and Pending (Old) Business

Abbreviated Committee Updates:

Joint Faculty Student Committee on Academic Affairs (standing committee) (Speaker: Dr. Babb)

- Has not met, will meet again in the fall

Faculty Handbook (standing committee) (Speaker: Dr. Babb)

Nothing to report

Instructor Promotion – Ratify Protocol and Policy Guidance (Speaker: Dr. Babb, Dr. Farren, Dr. Franken, Dr. Howell)

Instructor Promotion cannot have any appearance of tenure

Deans wanted promotion to go from committee, department head, to Dean

Committee members are happy with the current language

How will this be implemented?

Provost and Deans have endorsed this, after Senate approves, Provost and Deans are bound to approve and follow

Is going to go into the college faculty handbook, not the university

Will be paid for by the college, Dr. Terry will not be involved in the approval

Dr. Howell move to accept

Dr. Craig Seconded

No Discussion

Unanimous vote of approval

Accessibility and Library Databases – Report on meeting with Dr. Terry and Mr. Webb (Speaker: Dr. Babb, Ms. Rausch, Dr. Craig, Dr. Leitch)

Had very positive and productive meeting with Mr. Webb

A lot of what they talked about did not anticipate the position we are now in

Have been asking for workflow process, the committee received a draft

Purchasing crew now has **something**

Committee requested posting information to WTAcess and they are there now

Thinks senate needs to keep its eyes on accessibility, keeping in mind legal and liability insurance

Dr. Leitch is willing to serve on this committee this year

Dr. Craig thinks keeping the committee and continuing their research, possibly callin the committee IT Policy

Communications and Perception – Resolution distribution paused (Speaker: Dr. Babb)

Dr. Babb was concerned with the timing of communicating the resolution

Will communicate the resolution to the staff and the students in the future

Follow-up on Inquiries from March 06:

President Elect Model – Executive Committee (Speaker: Dr. Babb)

Still interested in using the model moving forward

AAUP Membership - *Defer* (Speaker: Dr. Babb)

All budgets are being reviewed

Will save this for discussion in the fall

Campus Climate Survey - *Defer* (Speaker: Dr. Babb)

New Business

Deferred Business:

Faculty Travel Gap Analysis Committee – Babb, Tyrer, Clark, Farren (Speaker: Dr. Babb)

Will be deferred until the fall

IT Support for Scientific use of IT Resources (Speaker: Dr. Babb)

Dr. Craig and Dr. Leitch will continue to serve

SB212 Concerns with respect to IRB and Human Subjects (Speaker: Dr. Babb, Dr. Kwan)

Dr. Kwan has had to pass on research to protect her subjects

Senate Elections and Committees – Deferred until August (Speaker: Dr. Babb)

Dr. Babb will work on exact dates

New Business

Magister Optimus Selection (Speaker: Dr. Babb, Ms. Medlock, Dr. Williams)

Yvette Castillo nominated

Dr. Lance Keith nominated

Anonymous vote 12 Dr. Castillo, 8 Dr. Keith

Committee Assignments (Speaker: Dr. Babb,

Assignments were made

Faculty Handbook needed a vote

Faculty Development needs a vote

Undergraduate Appeals Committee needed a vote

Dr. Craig motions to adjourn.

Seconded by Dr. Leitch

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Medlock, Secretary