

# Faculty Senate Minutes, meeting of 2020-08-28

## Elections for this year (2020-2021 academic)

### Conduct

The elections were held via Zoom and Google survey for contested positions.

- **President** Babb nominated by multiple senators. Tyrer motion for nominations to close. Seconded by Leitch.
- **VP/future elect** Medlock nominated by multiple senators. Rausch/Tyrer motion for nominations to close. Second by Rollins.
- **Secretary** Craig nominated by multiple senators. Rausch nominated by multiple senators. Rollin Motion to close. King seconded. Google docs vote was held.

### Election results

- Babb - president by acclamation with Zoom voice confirmation.
- Medlock - vice president/ president elect by acclamation with Zoom voice confirmation.
- Craig was elected secretary.

### Committee for instantiating president elect system

After the agreement last year to go to a president-elect system, President Babb asked for a committee to be formed to formalize and implement this system and asked for volunteers. The following agreed to serve, with representation from all colleges.

- E Clark FAH
- M Rausch Lib
- Macaulay COESS
- Williams PECANS
- Lesley Ramos-Salazar COB
- Leitch CoE
- L Rollin NHS

Objective: to spell out in handbook what this system means in handbook, etc. Plan to have Senate executive committee participate as well.

### New business/initial discussion

President Babb: we will not record meetings.

Babb: mentioned idea of meeting online this summer came in in the crisis due to various being uncomfortable. Discussion with administration went forward quickly and executive committee kept an eye on it.

### **Abbreviated committee updates:**

#### **Joint Faculty-Student Committee on Academic Affairs:**

(OER issues,/etc. Standing committee.)

No report, please be aware of this committee, will be looking for new members. Defer to setting up next senate meeting.

#### **Faculty Handbook**

Defer setting committee for next time (top of agenda for next meeting). A member asked about clarifying the representation on university committee.

#### **Communications and Perception Committee:**

Babb asked Medlock to review brief committee history. She did.

Babb noted resolution didn't get proper distribution due to pandemic.

Babb suggested former committee meeting once to decide whether to conclude, and this was agreed to by its members.

### **Deferred business**

#### **AAUP membership**

Babb plans to revisit materials/disseminate again. Asks people to look at it as a future possibility.

#### **Campus climate survey**

Babb reiterated as possible benefit to gauge sentiment in the campus community, please consider idea.

#### **Faculty Travel Gap Analysis Committee**

Babb: noted Terry felt funds were insufficient, disparities across colleges, etc. Other senators noted that:

- Fact finding might still be good.
- There are still fees, etc. for online conferences.

It was generally agreed that committee should continue, perhaps with some name/emphasis change.

### **SB212 IRB Human subjects (privacy, Title IX, etc.)**

Kwan: No new movement or news from system due to pandemic. She reiterated issue with her research as example. (requirement to report to title IX violating confidentiality)

Babb: brought up with Terry, he suggested meeting, but issue is wider, jeopardy for faculty and research.

Babb: suggests exec committee with Kwan and Terry.

A senator asked: are other admin entities saying no? Where does Title IX reside?

Babb: this makes category of colleagues whose work is jeopardized. President will include it in regular meeting with University president, provost.

### **IT support**

Leitch and Craig discussed a little verbally. Committee will look for interested others (Erik Crosman agreed to carry on for Karaganis who has finished last term.)

### **Other vacancies/open floor**

Intercollegiate Athletic Council Committee needs members.

There was an Informal discussion on masks, COVID transparency, enforcement policies/experiences.

Babb: recommends senators comment on these and other issues in Blackboard area. (Forum)

### **There were no resolutions for this meeting.**

Meeting was adjourned.

--Respectfully submitted, *David Craig*, Secretary