

Faculty Senate Minutes

2020-09-11

The meeting was called to order. Zoom chat showed 23 members present

King moved to approve the previous minutes, seconded by Curl. The minutes were approved.

Babb: reminder on travel, etc. committee

Committees:

Communications and Perception committee

Dissemination of Resolution on Communications:

(Faculty Senate Resolution 2020-1) The committee had agreed to use an all-campus email via A Andersen, and the resolution has been sent out.

Dress code:

Medlock and Babb have met with representatives of staff council on dress code, mask policy issues.

President Babb asked for new members to get representation of all colleges since its scope seems to be expanding.

Current members: Medlock, Macaulay, Garcia, Salazar. New members: Brown volunteered for CNHS, Butler for CoE.

Babb suggests the committee revisit its scope at end of this meeting.

Medlock: also have two people from staff council also volunteering to work with the committee.

Several senators noted they have been informed of concerns from their departments over the new dress code memo: concerns from untenured faculty, need for clarification.

Babb and Medlock briefly reviewed the history of this committee. It was also noted that the dress code has already appeared on the Human Resources page.

Babb: Note the need to define scope of this committee in light of current issues that have arisen.

President-elect system governance committee

Babb: committee seems to be established, make sure it's meeting regularly, no current discussion from committee.

Joint Faculty/Student Academic Affairs committee:

Babb: checked on returning members (there are many)

Student government have reached out with their incoming members, interested in further cooperation.

Babb to committee: do you want to continue, any need to revise membership for full representation?

Babb: asks for renominations to refresh for new year:

- Nomination for FAH: Emily Kinski (Medlock, second Clark)
- Rausch for Library
- ANS: Crosman
- ESS: Castillo
- COB: King (continuing)
- ENG: Gill
- NHS: Farren

Faculty Handbook committee:

Should be representatives from all colleges -- Babb.

Clark: agrees, all disciplines should be represented

Nominations for colleges: - FAH: Kinski - LIB: Rausch - COESS: Castillo - ANS: Holland - COB: Hwang
- ENG: Butler - NHS: Trisha Brown

New Business:

Covid-19, campus life, safety

Babb: call for comment

Senators commented as follows:

- Not major issues, but one fac concerns about situation sent to college. One student doing over-top gestures.
- no big issues in Amarillo center comm disorders
- resources and behavior modeling, Wipes in main hall, no wipes in classrooms, students instructed to clean workspace nothing for them Modeling: confusion about distancing, eating, when to demand in-person meetings (this is not in given procedures).
- Provost sent email on first Friday, are we going to get up-to-date info on this? Need info regularly coming in as reminder, to be able to remind students, etc. See some on covid page.
- Main concern weird mandates, so recording means students don't attend in person. Admins not totally clear. Have admins given any indication of when to go online?
- ethics issue of requiring in-class, recent drop in in-class attendance.
- CHAT: several notes and issues.

Babb: Will communicate with us, will meet with Terry, also with Wendler. Try to share and communicate, also with members. Senators should compile concerns.

Seth: what queries looking from from faculty?

Babb: collect things going on, will work with executive committee.

Objectives next week: committee concerns.

Jeremy moved to adjourn. Kinski seconded.

Meeting was adjourned.