**Faculty Senate Minutes**

Monday, April 20, 2020, 3:10 p.m., online via Zoom

**Senate Roster for 2018-2020:**

Kurtis Adams (MUSC), Robert Anthony (SOCI/GEOG), Jim Broomall (HIST), Larry Daily (PSYC), Rhonda Donaldson (LIB), Karen Green (SOWK), Jeff Groff (DEPS), Michael Groves (NURS), Max Guirguis (PSCI), Heidi Hanrahan (ENGL/LANG), Desmond Lawless (RSES), Mengyang Li (CHEM), Belinda Mitchell (EDUC), David Modler (ART), Timothy Nixon (ENG/LANG), Kathleen Reid (ECON), John Steffen (BIOL), Cindy Vance (ACCT), Kevin Williams (COMM).

**Officers:** Heidi Hanrahan (President), John Steffen (Secretary), Jeff Groff (Parliamentarian)

**Meeting Schedule (2020-2021):** **9/7**, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 12/7, 2/1, 2/15, 3/1, 3/22, 4/5, 4/19

Kurtis Adams MUSC Present

Robert Anthony SOCI/GEOG Present

James Broomall HIST Present

Larry Daily PSYC Present

Rhonda Donaldson LIB Present

Karen Green SOWK Present

Jeff Groff DEPS Present

Michael Groves NURS Present

Max Guirguis PSCI Present

Osman Guzide CME Present

Heidi Hanrahan ENGL/LANG Present

Desmond Lawless RSES Present

Mengyang Li CHEM Present

Belinda Mitchell EDUC Present

David Modler ART Present

Kathleen Reid ECON Present

John Steffen BIOL Present

Cindy Vance ACCT Present

Kevin Williams COMM Present

Guests: Scott Beard, Holly Frye, Laura Renninger, Dori Hargrove, Jason Best, Emily Gross

Meeting called to order in the presence of quorum at 3:10 p.m.

**I. Approval of April 20, 2020 Faculty Senate minutes (Jeff Groff) (attachment)**

No amendments suggested; the minutes are approved as submitted.

**II. Elections**

* 1. Admissions and Credits Chair. Kathleen Reid self-nominated and accepted by vote.
  2. Curriculum and Instructions Chair. Michael Groves self-nominated and accepted by vote.
  3. Washington Gateway. Kevin Williams self-nominated and accepted by vote.
  4. Calendar Committee. Belinda Mitchell self-nominated and accepted by vote.
  5. Threat Assessment Task Force (2 positions). Larry Daily self-nominated and accepted by vote. 1 position remains open.

**III. Committee reports**

**Assembly Committees and Representatives**

A. Admissions & Credits (Senator Reid). Reviewing student petitions for return from suspensions.

B. Curriculum & Instruction (Senator Groves). First meeting scheduled for 9/14.

C. Core Curriculum (Tim Nixon). Our first Core Curriculum Committee meeting of this academic year will be on Wednesday, September 16th. Proposals to be considered during that meeting, including material related to the carryovers from the spring, are due to me by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9th. Senator Nixon has heard from two departments (Psychology and Education) about changes in their representation. Other changes needed by by September 9th.

D. Advisory Council of Faculty (Senator Guirguis). ACF retreat canceled. No changes since last update.

**Faculty Senate Committees and Representatives**

E. Library Committee (Senator Donaldson). Swipe carded needed for 24 hour room access. Also a COVID guide available for pick up.

F. Professional Development, Faculty Salary, and Welfare (Senator Reid). No report.

G. Scholarship & Awards (Senators Vance and Adams). No report.

H. Senate Bylaws (Senators Anthony and Groves). Eliminate faculty representative position to Library committee, instead becomes liaison to committee. Vote next Library committee meeting.

I. Washington Gateway (Senator Williams). No report.

J. Calendar Committee (Senator Mitchell). No report.

K. Diversity & Equity Committee (Senator Green). Board of governors developing new statement to address civility codes , considering mandatory training, and will make the code publically available.

L. Enrollment Management Committee (Senator Broomall). No report.

M. Graduate Council (Senator Williams). No report. N. Student Success Committee (Senator Hanrahan). No report.

O. Technology Oversight Committee (Senator Guzide). No report.

Other Committees.

P. Assessment Task Force (Senator Donaldson). CTL available for assistance for FOSL- mini-grants are available.

Q. Budget Advisory Council (Senator Adams, Senator Groff, Senator Williams). Council not met yet. Send schedules soon.

R. Internationalization Advisory Council (Senator Lawless). No report.

S. Threat Assessment Task Force (Senator Daily, one position vacant). No report.

**IV. New business**

A. Dr. Rob Anthony and Dean Laura Renninger shared a draft of a proposed student evaluation form for online/hybrid classes. Senators were charged with bringing this document to their departments for feedback. We will continue this discussion in our 9/21 meeting.

B. Campus health task force updates (Vice President Frye). Vice President Holly Frye answered questions about COVID-related concerns. She is preparing some charts and documents that guide faculty through processes (i.e.: if a student tests positive, etc.). When those documents are ready, Senator Hanrahan will share them with Senators, who should then share them with their departments.

C. Academic Planning updates (Provost Beard). The Board of Governors is the last stop for new program approval. Increasing interdisciplinary studies between majors, e.g. Nursing can use some credits towards other degrees besides RBA, etc.

D. Proposed changes to Spring 2021 Academic Calendar (Provost Beard). Provost Beard shared information about proposed changes to the Spring 2021 Academic Calendar. The Senate voted to endorse these calendar changes, which include starting after MLK Day and eliminating Spring Break.