**Faculty Senate Minutes**

Monday, September 21, 2020, 3:10 p.m., online via Zoom

**Senate Roster for 2020-2022:**

Kurtis Adams (MUSC), Robert Anthony (SCCJ), James Broomall (HIST), Larry Daily (PSYC), Rhonda Donaldson (LIB), Karen Green (SOWK), Jeff Groff (DEPS), Michael Groves (NURS), Max Guirguis (PSCI), Osman Guzide (CME), Heidi Hanrahan (ENGL/LANG), Desmond Lawless (RSES), Mengyang Li (CHEM), Belinda Mitchell (EDUC), David Modler (ART), Kathleen Reid (ECON), John Steffen (BIOL), Cindy Vance (ACCT), Kevin Williams (COMM), Max Guirguis (ACF), VACANT (BADM)

**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 (Spring meetings subject to changes in Academic Calendar)

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

Tim Nixon ENG / LANG X

Kathleen Reid ECON Present

John Steffen BIOL Present

Cindy Vance ACCT Present

Kevin Williams COMM Present

Guests: Laura Renninger, Dori Hargrove, Scott Beard, Tuncer Gocmen

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

**I. Approval of September 7, 2020 Minutes. Approved 3:12 pm**

**II. Committee reports**

**Assembly Committees and Representatives**

A. Admissions & Credits (Senator Reid). New requests for late drop consider. No appeals reached the Provost

B. Curriculum & Instruction (Senator Groves). Met on Sept 14. Large discusssion revolved around App Studies for BA & BS degrees. 1st reads, no action required.

C. Core Curriculum (Tim Nixon). Met on Sept 16, new members from psych, educ & student rep. Removal of NURS course from Core.

D. Advisory Council of Faculty (Senator Guirguis). Report shared via email before meeting.

**Faculty Senate Committees and Representatives**

E. Library Committee (Senator Donaldson). No report.

F. Professional Development, Faculty Salary, and Welfare (Senator Reid). All professional development programs are in place for the year.

G. Scholarship & Awards (Senators Vance and Adams). Dr. Shurbutt asks to put in record: plaque honoring the last lecturer speaker. SB: last plaque being made.

H. Senate Bylaws (Senators Anthony and Groves). No report

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

**External Committee Representatives**

J. Calendar Committee (Senator Mitchell). SB: registrar did finalize calendar amendments. Web page has been updated and can be used to plan.

K. Diversity & Equity Committee (Senator Green). No report.

L. Enrollment Management Committee (Senator Broomall). Committee is meeting: open sessions for VP search might be held by zoom, on campus reserved for one single day. Updates soon.

M. Graduate Council (Senator Williams). Masters program in Elementary Ed: proposal for electives from 60 to 40 credits; waiting for approval from states.

N. Student Success Committee (Senator Hanrahan). Not met yet.

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

**Other Committees**

P. Assessment Task Force (Senator Donaldson). Meeting ongoing.

Q. Budget Advisory Council (Senator Adams, Senator Groff, Senator Williams). No report

R. Internationalization Advisory Council (Senator Lawless). Contacted committee, now waiting to meet.

S. Threat Assessment Task Force (Senator Daily). Trying to contact committee.

**III. Old Business**

A. Continued Discussion of Proposed Student Evaluation for Online/Hybrid Courses (Senator Anthony and Dean Renninger). Discussion held. Small working group formed. Will bring the document(s) back to the Senate.

**IV. New business**

A. Bylaws Change, section 6.3 (Senator Groff). Use of Liaison to meet Senate instead of a library committee, as specified in Senate Bylaws was voted on, and changes were accepted by vote.

B. Resolution Regarding Hostile Learning Environment Investigation (Senator Broomall): JB updated senate on latest conversations about resolution. Senate discussed language in resolution, and some senators recommend inclusion of sentence that describes what protections we will receive to our academic freedoms. Language should stress freedom and responsibility. Resolution passed as amended.

C. Online fees for Spring 2021 Courses (Senator Vance). Administration is considering inclusion of on-line fees for classes that are strictly on-line, which had been waived during Spring semester 2020 due to COVID pandemic. Senate & SB discussed why fees were waived for Spring 2020, and why Spring 2021 on-line classes will have a fee included. MG motioned to table this business until SB is able to return to senate with clarifications.

D. Discussion of Faculty’s Physical Presence on Campus (Senator Vance): SB explains that this is not a mandate for faculty to teach on-line classes, etc., on campus, and instead it is a reminder that faculty do have the campus available as a resource and on-line teaching can be taught on campus, from one’s office. SB recommends that faculty remain flexible, and remember that SU must maintain a certain % of in-person classes, etc.

**V. Announcements.**

No announcements.

Meeting adjourned 5:03 pm.