**Faculty Senate Minutes**

Monday, October 5, 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)

Kurtis Adams MUSC x

Robert Anthony SOCI/GEOG x

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: Scott Beard (Provost)

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

**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)

**I. Approval of September 21, 2020 Minutes.** Motioned & 2nd approved 3:12 pm.

**II. Committee reports**

**Assembly Committees and Representatives**

A. Admissions & Credits (Senator Reid). Many late drops, many petitions signed. KR asked that faculty please remember to check the “support”/”do not support” boxes on forms and petitions. Not doing so makes the committee’s work much more challenging.

B. Curriculum & Instruction (Senator Groves). No report.

C. Core Curriculum (Tim Nixon). No report.

D. Advisory Council of Faculty (Senator Guirguis). No report.

**Faculty Senate Committees and Representatives**

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

F. Professional Development, Faculty Salary, and Welfare (Senator Reid). All Pro Devo funded this year as last year. Mini-grants Oct 19, sabbatical requests Oct 16

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

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

I. Washington Gateway (Senator Williams) No report.

**External Committee Representatives**

J. Calendar Committee (Senator Mitchell) No report.

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

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

M. Graduate Council (Senator Williams). No report.

N. Student Success Committee (Senator Hanrahan). Meeting coming up.

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

**Other Committees**

P. Assessment Task Force (Senator Donaldson). No report.

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

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

S. Threat Assessment Task Force (Senator Daily). Contact with committee, meet on Friday10/9

**III. Old Business**

A. Resolution Regarding Hostile Learning Environment Investigation: Update (Senators Broomall, Green, Hanrahan, and Williams). JB, KG, KW HH met w Alan Purdue. Not hearing full response right now. Particulars are still being kept confidential. Recognized need for more transparency. By October may be language & formal response in October. Positive meeting: Alan took concerns seriously. Mr. Perdue will soon provide more specific information to the Senate, specifically regarding any policies that impact faculty.

B. Online Fees for Spring 2021 Courses (Senator Vance). Guest: SB. The Senate continued a discussion of online fees for the Spring 2021 semester, including the appropriateness of charging such fees during a pandemic and questions about what the money covers. Provost Beard said he would bring our questions and concerns to the next ELT meeting.

**IV. New business**

1. Discussion of Faculty Choice of Courses Evaluated by Students (Senator Modler). Senate will continue to discuss this further when Alan Perdue finalizes language recommendations.

**V. Announcements**

LD: Steering committee for capital event: this event is coming up. Event occurs every year, in rotunda of capitol building in Charleston, WV. Make legislatures aware of what we are doing with students. The event will be virtual this year. It is open to all, no matter the campus distances.

SB: Students and faculty will also have opportunities with COPLAC conference, which is also virtual this year. SU will send 12 students. If you have a student project, please recommend these presentation opportunities.

HH: Rob Anthony updated committee about on-line evaluation tool; not ready yet. Also DM has sent HH info and HH will send those to senate.

Senate motions to adjourn at 4:19.