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## Minutes from the Faculty Senate meeting held on 1/14/2020 Room 4440, Booth Library

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*the minutes summarize the proceeding, and do not constitute a verbatim transcript*

### I. Call to Order

- Chair of Faculty Senate, C.C. Wharram, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm
  - Senators in attendance: VanGunten, Barnard, Chahyadi, Holly, Hugo, Stowell, Wharram, Brantley, Gosse, White, Eckert, Scher, Khamisani, N. Shaw, Scher
  - Guests: JJ Bullock (DEN reporter); University General Counsel L. McLaughlin
  
  - Visiting Speaker: University General Counsel Laura McLaughlin
    - McLaughlin: Considering developing University Code of Conduct in light of recent instance of unprofessional behavior (FERPA violation). Surprisingly, we don't have one. [hands out] draft of CoC. "Borrowed" from UIUC. Seeking comments and feedback
- Discussion*
- N. Shaw: how do you want feedback?
  - McLaughlin: email me. And please share.
  - Brantley: some might be concerned about infringement on intellectual/academic freedom. Would suggest addition of statement of support on this matter.
  - McLaughlin: (agree)
  - Barnard: how does this connect to disciplinary action?
  - McLaughlin: the CoC is just defining acceptable behavior
  - Stowell: do students fall under this?
  - McLaughlin: they have own student standards
  - Wharram: unless they have access to student records [FERPA]
  - Brantley: (e.g.) they (also) have access to (sensitive) library records
  - McLaughlin: grievances, disciplinary procedures (handled through) contract
  - Gosse: (expecting) accompanying policy to report violations?
  - McLaughlin: there would be an IGP; reporting would go through chair/supervisor
  - McLaughlin: (to Senate): send emailed comments to me by end of February. Will send IGP out once the CoC is finalized.

McLaughlin departs 2:12 pm.

### II. Approval of Minutes.

- Motion (Barnard/N. Shaw), carried unanimously

### III. Committee Reports

- Executive
    - Wharram: haven't met yet. Please attend Dean searches (CLAS, COE) and QIP forum
    - Stowell: need to talk to the President about Rec. center fee for faculty [previous meeting]
  - CUPB
    - Barnard: textbook rental running small deficit; Union a deficit of \$400k; minimum wage increases will mostly affect Housing and Dining and students working for Depts.
- Discussion*
- Scher: when will textbook rental building be paid for?
  - Stowell: (not sure) few years?
  - Wharram: we need to schedule time to talk about textbook rental. Maybe a faculty forum?

- Wharram: updates from Health/Counseling and Advancement: (Wetstein) says cash donations up 100%, total number of donors down 10%; (Davidson) says health/counseling budget now under control with cost saving measures. (Pres.) says he'll be asking for 6.9% budget increase for EIU, hope for revenue from (State) cannabis sales (note as a federally funded institution cannabis is prohibited on campus), working to comply with new law requiring baby-changing stations in bathrooms. (Provost) says IL board of nursing approved application for nursing program.
- Elections & Nominations
  - Stowell: need one semester replacement due to Senator Abebe's sabbatical. Will approach CLAS Dean.
- Student Senate
  - Khamisani: haven't met yet, planning events.
- Student and Staff Relations
  - Barnard: reviewed fund and gift fund balance; civil service compliance audit scheduled for Feb; discussion of cannabis policy/implications; minimum wage
  - Brantley: B. Gillespie interested in attending Faculty Senate—I need to invite her
- Awards Committee
  - N. Hugo: call for nominations on 1/22, packets due 2/21, decision made early March
- Faculty Forum
  - White: QIP forum tomorrow. Textbook rental possible idea for faculty forum (see above)
    - Discussion*
      - Wharram: maybe mental health? To tie in with Pres. invited speaker?
      - Barnard: I've been thinking about mental health: our response is fragmented (counseling, police, faculty, data...) need integrated response. And also mental health first aid training for faculty.
- Budget Transparency
  - Barnard: nothing to report

#### IV. Business

- Provost's Report
  - No report: (Provost Gatrell not present [Dean searches])
- Other business?
  - Discussion*
    - Wharram: testing accommodations not ready yet, but soon.
    - Holly: VPSA search will have first meeting this week; get charge from Pres.
    - Holly: Think Tank will meet in a couple weeks. Met before break: lots of free discussion, but centered on exploring idea of dropping ACT/SAT requirements for admissions
    - Wharram: going to Pacific Institute Event [Lumpkin College of B & T]

#### V. Adjournment

- Motion (White/Brantley) to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 2:43 PM.

*Submitted by Senate faculty recorder, D. Holly*