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## Minutes from the Faculty Senate meeting held on 4/14/2020 Held Remotely

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### I. Call to Order

- Chair of Faculty Senate, C.C. Wharram, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm
- Senators in attendance: Wharram, Holly, Barnard, Hugo, Stowell, Brantley, Gosse, White, Eckert, K. Shaw, VanGunten, Scher, Chahyadi, N. Shaw, Periyannan
- Guests: Jay Gatrell (Provost), JJ Bullock (DEN), M. Beck (faculty)

### II. Approval of Minutes.

- Motion (Barnard/Brantley); unanimously approved.
  - N. Shaw “enters” 2:03pm

### III. Committee Reports

- Executive
  - Holly: VPSA search underway, entirely remote. Good participation at open sessions: 75 at faculty/staff, 30 or so at SA staff meeting, and nearly 20 at student meeting.
  - Holly: deposits slipping (we had started out ahead of last year).
  - Scher: how are we doing compared to our other schools?
  - Gatrell: uncertainty is framing the situation. This is a national trend.
  - Wharram: looking into a new development with SURS; more next time
- Elections and Nominations
  - Stowell: it was brought to my attention that one candidate hadn't been employed for 4 semesters before running. I then found another. This requirement is in the constitution. Suggest we inform and encourage them to run again next year.
  - Periyannan: can we change it?
  - Wharram: would have to go to entire faculty. Majority to approve. But we could put it on the agenda for the next time changes are made to the constitution (every few years)
  - Hugo: when I first ran, I didn't have 4 semesters. It was a great learning experience to be involved in my 2<sup>nd</sup> year
  - Periyannan: this was a lost opportunity (to have the candidate serve). Recommend we reduce requirement to one year (2 semesters).
- Student Senate
  - (Khamisani not present)
- Student and Staff Relations
  - Brantley: no report
- Awards Committee
  - Hugo: no report
- Faculty Forum
  - White: no FF planned for remainder of semester.
- Budget Transparency
  - Barnard: I have consulted with Raju in Institutional Research regarding our request for data re: trends in online classes and programs. We have agreed on the parameters and he will be producing a report soon. It will be interesting to view the trends in the context of the current situation and consider how future demand for programs and classes may be affected.
- IBHE

- White: IBHE and IAI issued guidance urging institutions to support and accommodate students, flexibility re: pass/fail, credit/no-credit, online labs, etc..

#### IV. Business

- Provost's Report
  - Gatrell: orientation #s (virtual orientation) are up. Looking into implications of CARES act. Working with payroll to provide support for students who cannot work remotely. Urging faculty to check COVID-19 website for updates. Virtual student research program next week.
    - Scher: have an advisee debating NC or taking a D in a class. But if take NC, would not go toward completing requirements for graduation
    - Gatrell: (correct). Should take the D. CR/NC for students concerned about GPA implications.
    - Scher: is there a timeline for a decision for Fall (classes)?
    - Gatrell: we will be face-to-face in the fall. No reason to think otherwise
    - Barnard: will EIU accept any (Gen ed.; IAI) course transfer in light of temporary grade policy changes?
    - Gatrell: yes
    - Stowell: any chance of piloting electronic textbooks?
    - Gatrell: unlikely without additional revenue streams
    - Brantley: are capital projects (science building) in jeopardy?
    - Provost: CP are moving forward. Will be selecting architect on 4/22
    - Periyannan: future (looks disconcerting)
    - Gatrell: there are good/positive indicators. Josh Norman, Kelly Miller have a plan. Also (national problem). Students may want to be closer to home (in-state)
      - Hugo: departs (2:57pm)
    - Wharram: what about HS seniors without ACT/SAT scores?
    - Gatrell: admissions are looking into these on a case-to-case basis
    - Gosse: any healthcare profession research money available (per CARE ACT)?
    - Gatrell: CARE for sick pay, support for dependents, student aid. Suspect money for research will come later
    - Chahyadi: will there be a different requirement (student enrollment) for summer?
    - Gatrell: class enrollment minimum is the same
    - N. Shaw: is EIU planning for fall in terms of sanitizing stations, etc.?
    - Gatrell: yes. (VPBA) is working/planning with facilities
  - Resolutions to conclude the year
    - Wharram: if you have anything (anecdotes) to say about VPSA, VPBA send my way
      - Scher: recommend we commend those that have stepped up recently too: ITS...
      - Barnard: building service workers, others that have remained on campus.
      - Wharram: good idea!
  - Other Business?
    - N. Shaw: we need to do something special (at the dept. level) to recognize our graduating seniors

#### V. Adjournment

- Motion (Scher/N. Shaw) to adjourn; unanimously approved. Adjourned at 3:25 PM.

*Submitted by Senate faculty recorder, D. Holly*