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## Minutes from the Faculty Senate meeting held on 4/28/2020 Held Remotely

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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 2:02 pm
- Senators in attendance: Wharram, Holly, Barnard, Hugo, Stowell, Brantley, Gosse, White, Eckert, K. Shaw, VanGunten, Scher, Chahyadi, N. Shaw, Periyannan, Khamisani
- Guests: J. Gatrell (Provost), S. Kozlowski (elected senator for 20/21), “David” (attendee)

### II. Approval of Minutes.

- Motion (Barnard/Brantley); unanimously approved.

### III. Committee Reports

- Executive
  - Wharram: conveyed words of gratitude from Board of Trustees Chair Barbara Baurer who offer the Board’s profound thanks to the faculty for putting student success first during the pandemic period; following up on developments at ISU:... (faculty) noticed that SURS had eliminated some providers (Fidelity and TIFF CREF) for self-managed plans; explored support for changing (reducing) requirement that junior faculty elected to positions be in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Not much support for changing that--perhaps next time constitution is revisited; presented to board of trustees; executive committee meeting will be held on Monday (5/4); thanks to VPSA chair (Holly) for work—update?
  - Holly: final candidate “on campus” Monday, compiling evaluations, VPSA search meeting on Thursday, report to president on Friday
- Elections and Nominations
  - Stowell: need to work with senate about sabbatical replacement for (Wharram). Vacancy in COE (deemed ineligible). We recruited Gosse for one-year replacement in CHHS—need to fill for 2 more years. (Discussion and decision made to) switch Nichole Mulvey from an at-large position to the CHHS position (3-year term). (Then) will run election in fall for CHHS position and COE.
    - K. Shaw: I’ll fill in for Wharram (at-large position)
- Student Senate
  - Khamisani: executive elections will be conducted in the fall. Call for distinguished faculty award nominations are out.
- Student and Staff Relations
  - Brantley: no report. Possible meeting in week or two.
- Awards Committee
  - Hugo: attempting to locate source of funding for award to Distinguished Faculty Award recipient. Contacted EIU foundations.
- Faculty Forum
  - White: nothing planned for remainder of semester.
- Budget Transparency
  - White: haven’t received data yet on on-line teaching revenue.
- IBHE
  - White: IBHE accommodating students who could not complete student-teacher training. Drive up wifi hot spots available in Illinois for students with connectivity issues.

### IV. Business

- Provost's Report
  - Gatrell: Meeting weekly with IBHE. Developing database on teaching licensure—all EIU students (student teachers) have met state requirement; Challenges this summer with internships. Need to prioritize progress—use waivers, flexibility, alternative accommodations. We want students to be safe. Also, increasingly difficult to find internships for students; March IBHE meeting cancelled, will be on Thursday; continued progress with finalizing EIU Nursing program; CARES ACT: 2.25 million to support students. Students should be receiving emails soon; Residence hall refunds have been processed; Enrollment (5/1) deadline approaching—will push back to 6/1. Increase in applications and virtual orientation reservations are looking good. We are up 57% with honors students—these are high yield students. Lots of uncertainty, but overall looking good; Reviewed 17 architect portfolios for Science Building, we will be interviewing 4 firms in the fall.
- “Execution” of officers
  - Stowell: Need three executive officers: chair, vice chair, recorder (describes duties of each). [silence]
  - (Stowell is nominated, and generously agrees to remain VC; motion (Scher/Wharram) to reelect Stowell to position; unanimously approved. K. Shaw valiantly volunteers to serve as recorder; motion (Wharram/Holly) to elect K. Shaw to position; unanimously approved. No one volunteers for chair. Discussion. [glances. more silence.] Motion (Scher/Stowell) to table election of faculty senate chair until next meeting (5/7/11am); unanimously approved.)
- Other Business?
  - White: recommend that Wharram incorporate some of what was said at the BOT meetings regarding interim VPs McCann and Drake into resolution for next time.

#### V. Adjournment

- Motion (Scher/N. Shaw) to adjourn; unanimously approved. Adjourned at 3:08 PM.

*Submitted by Senate faculty recorder, D. Holly*