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Minutes from the Faculty Senate meeting held on 9/8/2020 Held Remotely via Zoom

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I. Call to Order

- Chair of Faculty Senate, Don Holly, called the meeting to order at 2:11pm
- Senators in attendance: Stowell, Shaw, Scher, Kozlowski, Abebe, Barnard, White, Mulvey, Chahyadi, Bruns, Hugo
- Guests: J. Gatrell (Provost), J. Ludlow (Professor of English, Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies, UPI president), C. Brock (Daily Eastern News), S. Gosse (Nursing)

II. Approval of Minutes.

- No approval of meeting minutes needed. 5/7/2020 meeting minutes approved via email sent on 5/29/2020

III. Abridged Committee Reports

- Executive
 - Holly: overall student enrollment up 10.5% with an increase in first time/fulltime, dual credit and honors students. Transfer student enrollment and international student enrollment numbers have declined. Current Fall course delivery is 47% online, 26% hybrid, and 26% Face-to-Face.
 - Stowell: Textbook rental—report submitted at the end of Spring 2020. Administration and President's council have discussed. Anne Flaherty (VPSA) has reached out to get more history and background on the project. The project is not off the table but may be delayed. (Gatrell mentions that it is on the PC agenda for 3pm that day)
 - Holly: Presidents Lecture has been moved to the Spring semester. The president is hoping to do it live. Mental Health will be the topic for the lecture.
 - Holly: A flagpole will be erected on the south quad (north side behind Lumpkin) for various heritage celebrations. Further information regarding policies for this will be discussed at the Board of Trustees meeting Friday, September 11, 2020.
- Elections & Nominations
 - Stowell: Sent out a call for elected positions to fill vacancies for positions that were not filled in the Spring election. Please vote and encourage your colleagues to do so, also encourage our colleagues to serve for the positions. Chahyadi: Working on the nominations committee draft and sending it out to faculty soon.
 - 2020/2021 Committee Members: Jeff Stowell—chair, Candra (Chuck) S. Chahyadi and Stephen Kozlowski
- Student & Staff Relations
 - 2020/2021 Committee Members: Steve Scher, Bruce Barnard, Stephen Kozlowski (Chair TBD)
- Faculty Forum
 - 2020/2021 Committee Members: Larry White, Teshome Abebe, Nichole Mulvey (Chair TBD)
- Awards
 - 2020/2021 Committee Members: Nichole Hugo chair, Todd Bruns, Teshome Abebe, Nichole Mulvey
- Budget Transparency

- 2020/2021 Committee Members: Bruce Barnard chair; retires this semester. Todd Bruns, Larry White

IV. Business

- Provost's Report (Gatrell)
 - Welcome to everyone back to campus. Student compliance has been high and we have had a very positive start to the semester. Thank you to the Associate Deans (Lucas/ Cornebiese/ Mitchell/ Wollan/ Oliver) for their efforts in making social distancing classes possible. Thank you also to Faculty Development and Information Center (FDIC) for all of the work they have done. Welcome two new Vice Presidents to Campus: Anne Flaherty (VPSA) and Sean Reeder (VPBA) and two new Deans: Barbara Bonnekessen (CLAS) and Laretta Henderson (COE).
 - Board of Nursing has approved virtual site visit. Soft launch this Fall with a small cohort of 11-12 students.
 - Quality Initiative (QI) was finalized and approved. Thank you to everyone who contributed.
 - Faculty Research and Creative Activity will be done virtually in October—over 200 submissions of scholarly and creative activity. Thank you to Todd Bruns and his team for taking the lead on this project.
 - Dual Credit Coordinator—Rachelle Hendrickson joined in the office of the registrar in July.
 - Enrollment Trends—Increases in SAT, ACT, & GPA from incoming students. Overall enrollment up with an increase in Honors students. Continuing students numbers have increased for the first time in several years. International students are still a bit of a challenge but Andy Kabasele has been doing amazing work in terms of recruitment strategies.
 - Abebe: Thank you to everyone in technology and Associate Deans as well for all of their work and support.
 - Holly: Echo of thanks to technology and Associate Deans.
- Chair Report (Holly)
 - Planning of Retirement Banquet: reached out to Jeannie Ludlow about planning
 - Meet monthly with the chairs of CGS, COTE, CAA, CFR for communication across campus.
 - Attending the Board of Trustees Meeting on Friday, September 11, 2020
- Update: Quality Initiative
 - Campus wide involvement in deciding the Quality Initiative. Three great proposals were developed and the diversifying faculty and staff proposal was selected. The proposal was submitted to the HLC in July and approved just under a month later. The subcommittee chairs were: Elder, Vietto, and Polydore with subcommittees of about 5-6 people. The subcommittees continue their work on three separate areas: hiring practices, retention of faculty of underrepresented groups on campus, and recruitment of underrepresented groups to campus.
 - Final Report will be submitted June of 2024.
- Think Tank Committee/ Title IX Panel
 - Think Tank: several names were submitted for nomination. Holly will contact those who were nominated and see if they would like to be considered. Holly will then forward all names of those who are interested to the President who will appoint a member.
 - Title IX: Steve Scher and Katie Shaw volunteered/were nominated. S.Scher deferred to K. Shaw. Motion to forward K. Shaw as member (Holly/Stowell) unanimously approved.
- Possible Guest Speakers

- Jeannie Ludlow
- Students –Student Senate (thoughts on COVID response and how they are doing)
- Eric Davidson
- Sheila Simons
- Anne Flaherty (VPSA)
- Sean Reeder (VPBA)
- Barbara Bonnekessen (New CLAS Dean)
- Laretta Henderson (New COE Dean)
- Charleston Mayor: Town/Gown Relations

V. Adjournment

- Motion (Bruns /Scher) to adjourn; unanimously approved. Adjourned at 3:19 PM.

Submitted by Senate faculty recorder, K. Shaw