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Minutes

Faculty Senate

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Minutes from the Faculty Senate meeting held on 9/22/2020 Held Remotely via Zoom

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I. Call to Order

- Chair of Faculty Senate, Don Holly, called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm
- Senators in attendance: Stowell, Shaw, Scher, Kozlowski, Abebe, Barnard, White, Mulvey, Chahyadi, Bruns, Hugo, Parrish
- Guests: J. Gatrell (Provost), E. Davidson, S. Simons, S. Gosse, H. He, A. Tumino, D. Britton, A. Marino, J. Brown

II. Approval of Minutes.

- Motion (Parrish/Mulvey) unanimously approved

III. Abridged Committee Reports

- Executive
 - No report. Next Executive Committee Meeting October 5th
- Elections & Nominations
 - Stowell: Email was sent to faculty. After the elections we still had a few unfilled seats. Academic Programs Elimination Review Committee—Melanie Burns (CHHS) Council on Faculty Research (COE)—left unfilled Sabbatical Replacement (COTE)—Jerry Cloward Senate Position (COE) –Amy Davis ran but is not in her fourth semester of employment, again was a write-in this semester. We need to consider how we want to handle this. The constitution states that faculty senators have to be in their fourth semester of employment. Discussion occurred. Scher: Can we invite her to attend the meetings as a non-voting attendee so that the COE has a voice?
 - Motion- (Scher/Stowell) Invite Amy Davis to attend meetings as a non-voting attendee (13 yes/ 1 no)
 - Motion- (Scher/Stowell) Amy Davis will serve in the Spring 2021 semester as a full voting faculty senate member for COE. (13 yes/ 1 no)
 - Motion- (Stowell/ Abebe) Appointing to Elected Committees Melanie Burns (APERCHHS) and Jerry Cloward (COTE-CHHS) (Unanimous)
 - Motion- (Bruns/ Abebe) Adopt all of the appointed committee positions as listed. (Unanimous)
 - 2020/2021 Committee Members: Jeff Stowell—chair, Candra (Chuck) S. Chahyadi and Stephen Kozlowski
- Student & Staff Relations
 - No report
 - 2020/2021 Committee Members: Steve Scher, Bruce Barnard, Stephen Kozlowski (No Chair)
- Faculty Forum
 - No Report
 - 2020/2021 Committee Members: Teshome Abebe (Chair), Larry White, Nichole Mulvey

- Awards
 - Luis Clay Mendez Nomination call has been sent out. Deadline Friday, October 9th at 4pm.
 - 2020/2021 Committee Members: Nichole Hugo (Chair), Todd Bruns, Teshome Abebe, Nichole Mulvey
- Budget Transparency
 - No report
 - 2020/2021 Committee Members: Bruce Barnard (Chair); retires this semester. Todd Bruns, Larry White

IV. Business

- Provost's Report (Gatrell)
 - The first round of faculty searches has been released to the Deans. 15 lines total have been approved. The majority of the lines are Unit A --9 out of 15. A second round of searches are planned to be released in February —primarily Unit B.
 - IBHE—Strategic Planning Initiative is taking place. A Budget meeting will also take place October 5th in Springfield. This is all in preparation for the IBHE to present their findings and report to the Governor prior to his state of the state address.
 - The preliminary budget was released in June. The official budget will be presented to the Board of Trustees in November. The budget will be conservative mindful of possible callbacks from the state.
- Chair Report (Holly)
 - Chair of CAA --no new programs. Moratorium on new General Education classes as the committee works on revising assessment.
 - Anne Flaherty (VPSA) and Heather Webb (SS) will be guests of Faculty Senate on October 6th.
 - Student Senate Members possible guests on October 20th.
 - Attended the Board of Trustees Meeting—Discussion included renaming of Douglas Hall, University Advancement donations are up 200%-- Victory suite at the stadium is being remodeled, First Mid Illinois Bank made a large donation for refurbishing the gym floor and scoreboard at Lantz, Tom Michael reported that ¼ of all athletes had a 4.0 GPA for Spring 2020 semester.
 - Think Tank: President appointed Jay Bickford. Melinda Mueller (Chair)
- Textbook Rental Update (Stowell)
 - Administration has offered to allow the committee to proceed with a small pilot program for Textbook Rental. Email was sent out to all faculty explaining information and procedures about the pilot program. Slots are available for faculty to participate. Any questions should be directed to Jeff.
- Guest Speakers (COVID-19 Campus Report --Dr. Shelia Simons and Dr. Eric Davidson)
 - Data Dashboard is available for information.
 - Dr. Simons has quarantined 472 people since July 1st. Of those 472 people some have become cases and are in isolation for 10 days. 12 individuals are currently working on the contact tracing team under Dr. Simons' supervision.
 - Quarantining is taking place in the residence halls as needed and is going well.
 - Dr. Davidson explained some of the reasoning for gaps in response on campus case reporting. The typical delay is where the information is coming from (perhaps another county or etc....) and takes time for it to make it through the reporting process. If it testing and results on-campus the process is more efficient.
 - Provost Gatrell gave a special thank you to Dr. Davidson and Dr. Simons for all of their hard work.

V. Adjournment

- Adjourned at 3:34 PM.

Submitted by Senate faculty recorder, K. Shaw