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Minutes from the Faculty Senate meeting held on 3/9/2021 Held Remotely via Zoom

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I. Call to Order

- Chair of Faculty Senate, Don Holly, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm
- Senators in attendance: Abebe, Bruns, Chahyadi, Davis, Holly, Hugo, Kozlowski, Mulvey, Parrish, Porter, Richards (Student Senator), Scher, Stowell, and White
- Guests: J. Gatrell (Provost), L. Henderson (Dean of COE), & J. Norman (Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management)
- Davis served as recorder in Shaw's absence

II. Approval of Minutes.

- Motion (White/Mulvey) Approved—13 Yes votes (Roll call vote taken)

III. Abridged Committee Reports

- Executive
 - Holly: Briefed with President Glassman on the events on Faculty Senate and COVID-19
 - COVID rates were 0% with 514 faculty and students being tested. Two cases the previous week
 - President council is discussing graduation plans – Proposed outdoor ceremony
 - Illinois is in Phase 4 which allows 50 people max indoors, there is no Phase 5 which there is no limit on individuals indoors. Pressure on the state to have something between 4 and 5.
 - Vaccinations – New group, 1B2.2 – those individuals over 16 with underlying health issue including obesity pushes 1C (our group) back
 - Johnson & Johnson vaccine – 1 dosage with a possibility of getting students vaccinated before they leave campus, 2 shot would be difficult when students leaving in April
 - Study abroads are not yet approved for summer – There are virtual study abroad
- Elections & Nominations
 - Stowell: Voting phase, opened up last Wednesday. Two complications:
 - Candidate indicated running for CoE position on Faculty Senate, then crossed it out and put Faculty Senate At-Large. Did not translate as such on the ballot. ITS corrected after about 15 minutes of election running. 4 people had voted, ITS cleared vote then Stowell emailed the four individuals to revote.
 - Candidate indicated wrong position number on nomination form (#10, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences position on CGS instead of #11, COTE). Corrected by that afternoon. During that time, only the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences could vote in the #10 slot, there were no other candidates running for position #10 or #11, so final vote count for this candidate will be totaled across both positions.
 - As of yesterday, 77 people had voted. Voting window closes on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
- Student Senate
 - Richards: Last week, discussed proposed housing and dining rate increases. Mark Hudson will be coming to student government meeting to answer questions. Introducing legislation to support the creation and implementation of The Big Blue Food Pantry on campus. Crystal Brown and Beth Gillespie brought idea end of February, asked students and most were in favor.

- Student & Staff Relations
 - Scher: No report
- Awards
 - Hugo: 2021 Distinguished Faculty Award recipient is Dr. Don Holly. Five people nominated, all strong nominations. Hugo motioned to approve (White) second. Hugo will email for picture and ask for bio. Dr. Shaw will get it on the webpage. Senate vote results to approve – 12 yes, 1 abstain (Holly):

Abebe	x
Bruns	x
Chahyadi	x
Davis	x
Holly	ab
Hugo	x
Kozlowski	x
Mulvey	x
Parrish	x
Porter	x
Scher	x
Shaw	
Stowell	x
White	x

- Faculty Forum
 - Senator Holly shared information about the Naming of Douglas Hall. The committee met to work on a statement to read before the forum on March 24th at 3:00 p.m. A mass email will go out to all faculty with the contact person and Zoom link for each forum (student, staff, and community). Holly will send the Senate and Naming Committee the Zoom links and all others will get the link to forums.
- Budget Transparency
 - Holly: We do not have this anymore.

IV. Business

- Provost's Report (Gatrell)
 - Beginning week 9 – past midterms
 - Covid testing underway, today's dashboard – 0 cases on campus. Last week, administered 634 tests. Positive cases include symptomatic cases at SBL and other county partners.
 - Focus on Covid protocol and continue to be vigilant
 - Can test MTW, field tests arrive in 24-27 hours via email, pleased with partnership with SHIELD
 - Met with President for Senate Appropriations Meeting. Governor recommended flat budget for higher education. IBHE recommended a 2% across the entire budget line with 1.97% based on Pell eligibility at Eastern.
 - Hearing on April 2nd for House appropriations.

- IBHE plans – Design groups working on Zoom. Plans emerge late summer to serve all learners during Covid.
- Faculty Laureate nominations are due March 22nd
- Academic renewal program in development with CORE and registrar's office
- Chair Report (Holly)
 - Continued work with CAA and grade appeal – almost completed
 - Indigenous Land Statement – proposed 4/6 meeting
 - Naming Committee – worked on survey questions and opening statement
 - CUPB met last Friday – natural gas prices skyrocketed during cold spell then plummeted after which impacted university
 - Sen. Bruns forwarded an email regarding archiving Faculty Senate documents (agendas, minutes).
 - Sen. Bruns spoke on the three documents currently retained and digitally deposited in The Keep: Constitution, Senate by-laws, and meeting documents (minutes, agendas, and attendance). Bruns is proposing to strike agendas and attendance and to just save minutes. Because there is no change to constitution or by-laws, a vote is not necessary.
 - Holly has received emails from other universities in which faculty is not allowed to speak at Board of Trustees meetings. Appreciates transparency of EIU's administration
 - March 23rd meeting - Ken Wetstein and Andy Campbell will join to discuss the Naming Committee's progress with Douglas Hall and Faculty Forums
 - April 6th meeting – Indigenous Land Statement
 - Last meeting – Fill seats for executive committees for 2021-22
- Think Tank Committee Update (Holly)
 - No report
- Proposal to Change Upper Division & Residency Requirements (Stowell & Norman)
 - Stowell and Norman drafted a proposal to reduce EIU's residency requirements and consider creative ways to fulfill upper division hour requirement to put EIU in line with other universities and become more competitive with transfer students and increase marketability.
 - Not proposing to reduce upper division hours because it is an IBHE requirement. Reduce the number of residency hours from 42 to 30. 8 out of 12 public universities in Illinois have fewer hours required. These are two separate issues (upper division & residency) will begin with residency. 13% of transfer students have more than 78 hours coming into EIU and must spend more time at EIU to meet residency requirement.
 - Norman – In developing the 10-year enrollment plan, did not anticipate declines in community college enrollments (3%- double digit decreases). Transfer enrollments at EIU are fairly small.
 - Discussion ensued regarding demographics – how many students transfer to EIU out of our surrounding regions? Intention to serve degree-completing students, course rigor, sequence of courses, BGS students, pandemic. Additional data compared to peers, impact on different colleges in different ways to hear from the Council of Chairs. Stowell shared peer data. Numbering system equivalency.
 - Upper Division discussion – program level determination to accept community college courses as upper level?

- Guest Speaker (Henderson, Dean of COE)
 - Strategic quality plan in which faculty chairs are leading the initiative based on five pillars: excellence in teaching, accessible programs, diversity, equity & inclusion, impactful community engagement, and technology with three core values: Social, ethical responsibility and accessibility, and excellence.
 - The plan will be taken to the President and Provost in April and to faculty in May.
 - More strategic with faculty's time, looking for more centralized markets.
 - Fall 2021 – Will begin a Sp Ed and Elem Ed cohort in Champaign
 - Dual credit courses at Centennial High School in Champaign which will also be offered in Summer, 2021
 - 4+1 Master's Program, Para to professional teachers' program at CHS are people of color to get them into the classroom as certified teachers as soon as possible
 - Working with community colleges in Jasper, Champaign, Danville to provide junior and senior level year
 - Cohort model to a market that will pay for faculty
 - COE offers Professional Development Institute, Master's in SpEd & C & I

- Adjourned at 3:46 PM.

Recorded by Senate by faculty member, A. Davis submitted by Senate faculty recorder, K. Shaw