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Minutes

Faculty Senate

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Minutes from the Faculty Senate meeting held on 4/20/2021 Held Remotely via Zoom

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I. Call to Order

- Chair of Faculty Senate, Don Holly, called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm
- Senators in attendance: Abebe, Bruns, Chahyadi, Davis, Holly, Hugo, Kozlowski, Mulvey, Porter, Richards (Student Senator), Scher, Shaw, Stowell, and White (Absent: Parrish).
- Guests: J. Gatrell (Provost). Sue Gosse and Andrew Kerins (CHHS). John Bickford, Melinda Mueller, and Zachary Newell (Think Tank Committee). Adam Tumino (DEN).

II. Approval of Minutes.

- Motion (Mulvey/Scher) Approved—11 Yes votes. Porter and Shaw Abstain. Parrish Absent. (Roll call vote taken)

III. Abridged Committee Reports

- Executive
 - Holly: No Report. Executive Committee will meet May 3rd @ 3pm. At this time Chair Holly will ask the President to set up a university committee for work on the Indigenous Land Statement.
- Elections & Nominations
 - Stowell: No Report
- Student Senate
 - Richards: Final Student Senate Meeting of the Academic Year 04/21/2021. Student Government Election results will be announced at this meeting.
- Student & Staff Relations
 - Scher: No Report
- Faculty Forum
 - Abebe: No Report
- Awards
 - Hugo: No Report

IV. Business

- Provost's Report (Gatrell)
 - Thank you to everyone for your work this year on Faculty Senate. Faculty feedback and sharing experiences has been especially important this year.
 - A CR/NCR proposal has been brought forward by a Student Organization and will be discussed this Thursday (April 22nd) by CAA.
 - Commencement: If you are fully vaccinated, show your proof of vaccination card and a photo ID you do not need a ticket for graduation.
 - A planning meeting with associate deans will take place in Mid-May to plan for the mechanics of face-to-face classes and classroom spaces for Fall 2021. This planning will be done according to IBHE recommendations and guidelines.
 - Thank you to Don Holly for his service as Faculty Senate Chair this year and to the entire Executive Committee (Katie and Jeff) for their service as well.
- Chair Report (Holly)

- The Grade Appeal Committee Restructuring Proposal is going through the approval process and should “land” at the President’s Council soon.
- Naming Committee met last week and had a guest speaker from a Ball State professor who’s research focuses on Douglas and Lincoln. The committee is also making it through over 1100 surveys collected about the renaming of Douglas Hall.
- Accomplishments of the 2020-2021 Faculty Senate as follows:
 - Siren Alert time changed from 10:30am to 9:30am across EIU campus
 - 2 Faculty Forums were planned, held, and well attended
 - Changed Constitution to allow faculty to be elected to standing committees in their first year at EIU
 - Overhauled the Grade Appeal Committee to make it more efficient
 - Disbanded the Budget Transparency Committee
 - Hosted 16+ guests throughout the academic year
 - Discussed and weighed in on a number of proposals
 - Weathered a COVID semester [year]
- Think Tank Committee Update
 - Lessons Learned from COVID (for Higher Education) –thinking of COVID as a stress test in general
 - Value of EIU community (face-to-face and virtual)
 - Empathy for students’ vulnerability and fragility (EIU employees too)
 - Need to improve equitable access to resources
 - Need to strengthen IT infrastructure
 - Need to tell our story for recruiting
- Staff Senate Resolution Discussion: Peggy Brown (absent) No Report.
- Executive Committee 2021-2022
 - Chair: Todd Bruns
 - Vice-Chair: Jeff Stowell
 - Recorder: Nichole Mulvey
- Other Business: None

V. Adjournment

- Adjourned at 3:24 PM.

Submitted by Senate faculty recorder, K. Shaw