

Faculty Senate Minutes  
August 7, 2020

Closed Session: 11:30 pm - 1:00pm

**In Attendance:** Sabina de Vries, Joseph Simpson, Aida Almanza, April Najjai, call-in user, Daniel Delgado, Gilbert Barrera, James Finley, Jeremy Zuni, Keming Li, Leonard Love, Maria Acevedo-Aquino, Matthew Mangum, Sandra Lara, Thomas Beaumont, Leonard Love, Megan Wise de Valdez, Smriti Bhatt, Vick, Claire Nolasco, Francesca Keith, Katherine Bridgman, Myriam Jimena Guerra.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 11:32 am

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes adopted as read.

**Old Business**

**Fall Classes**

Joseph Simpson provided updates:

- Recommendations to Instructors for Fall 2020 Courses – Office hours and testing/test taking procedures: It is suggested to add to the syllabus remote methods of holding office hours and also include a testing statement.
- Leonard Love stated regarding ProctorU: The University will cover the cost for exams/testing for major exam. Leonard Love will get clarification from the Provost if students have to have a computer camera to use ProctorU.
- James Finley voiced concerns regarding videos released to the community (intellectual property; doxing; protection of faculty from harassment etc.) – a statement was added to the Recommendations to Instructors document to address these concerns.

Motion to approve the Recommendations: Matthew Mangum made a motion to approve and James Finley seconded:

Yes – 16

No – 0

The motion passed.

- Syllabus Statement Final Draft - Two changes were suggested by Student Success and Engagement: Put a hold on student records if not completing COVID training. Also, consequences of violation to code of conduct was criticized by Student Success and Engagement. Senators discussed how to address these concerns.

16 senators agreed (no disagreements) to send a respond to Student Success and Engagement. The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate will decide on the final language.

## **Jaguar Day One**

Update from the advisory committee presented by KC Kalmbach:

- It was determined that committee membership should also include Myriam Jimena Guerra and Gilbert Barrera. There was discussion pertaining to choice versus forcing students to enroll in the Jaguar Day One program. Jaguar Day One will conduct faculty and student survey in Fall semester.

## **Equity and Inclusion**

Report on Equity and Inclusion Course Designation by Vicky Elias:

- Vicky Elias presented a ppt regarding an initial proposal to require undergraduate students to complete 6 hours of E/I designated courses. Some programs meet this requirement or are getting close to meeting them. Some programs, for example BAAS are not faring as well.
- It is recommended to adopt E/I requirement for students matriculating in Fall 2020. It is also recommended to allow voluntary compliance of students.
- Additional recommendations include exemption of BAAS students for a time, and also to focus first on programs that current meet 50% compliance, and then move onto those that achieve 50-90% compliance.

## **Proposal for Diversity Office Discussion**

- James Finley discussed next steps to address creation of Diversity Office: Assembly of an ad hoc committee – faculty/senators can email James Finley if they want to be involved. Joseph Simpson reported that President Matson is interested in creating a Multicultural Office on campus.

Vote on establishing an ad hoc committee:

Katherine Bridgman motioned to create the ad hoc committee and Daniel Delgado seconded the motion.

Yes – 19

No – 0

The motion passed.

## **New Business**

- Student Evaluations: Daniel Delgado reported that there are now additional questions on the SRI pertaining to online teaching. Joe Simpson will approach the Provost regarding these additional questions.
- President Matson wants 1-2 volunteers to work out details on Wellness Stations on campus.
- Francesca Keith: There appears to be a conflict between online class times scheduling – JagX. Joe will follow up with the Provost regarding this problem.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:06pm.**

Next meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in September.