

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2020  
3-5pm  
Zoom Videoconferencing

- Approval of August 19<sup>th</sup> minutes
  - Motion made (Robert Darst) and seconded (Ralph Clifford)
  - Vote to approve via Vevox - 100% approve
- President's Report (Doug Roscoe)
  - Special Election: Steering Committee
    - Kari Mofford - Librarians Council
      - Also serving as Senate Secretary
    - Jennifer Fugate
  - Vacant Senate Committee seats
    - Committees are being filled and there are still a few that need to be populated
      - 3 more committees to fill: Admissions, Student Activities, Institutional Review Board
      - 1 committee to restart: Policy and Process Review
      - Ad hoc committees to review and determine status
        - Study Abroad - Restart
        - Ethics - Possibly close
        - Clinical Faculty - Will close
  - Management Council meetings schedule will be reducing
    - Need for strategic planning
  - Update on recent Senate recommendations
    - Fee Review committee on the back burner
    - Police Review and Racial Equity committee proposal received response from Chancellor
  - Student survey re remote learning
    - Participation of admin/faculty/students in crafting
    - Focus on modalities, housing preference, and barriers to enrollment
- Provost's Office Report (Acting Provost Goodman)
  - NECHE update
    - Report accepted - accreditation stands for next 10 years with a check-in in 5 years on transition
  - MLS passed
  - Spring 2021 planning
    - PERT has met and is looking at different scenarios
  - Strategic planning

- Need a new one since current plan is expiring
  - Proposal to engage independent 3rd party to assist in the process
- Selection of faculty for center reviews
  - Boivin Center: Shawn Towne & Stacy Latt Savage
  - Center for Portuguese Studies & Culture: Shuowei Cai & Chandra Orrill
- Selection of faculty for senior administrator reviews
  - Dean Entin: Justine Dunlap (non-CAS), Stan Harrison & Sandra Rivera (HUM), Melissa Silvia & Gary Davis (NSCI), Mary Kayyal & Brian Broadrose (SSCI), Ismael Ramirez-Soto (EDU)
  - Dean VanderGheynst: Antonio Costa, Gokhan Kul, Jongping Hsu, Wenzhen Huang, & Walaa Mogawer (EGR - All departments), Marguerite Huayhua (non-EGR)
- Report re OCE/Online Education (David Pedro)
  - Steady growth in online education programs
  - Challenges include increase cost in online advertising
- Report re UMass Online (Grant O'Rielly)
  - We know nothing re Brandman University acquisition
  - Request being made to UMass President for information
- Reaffirmation of Senate Recommendations re Misconduct Policy and Omsbudperson
  - No omsbudperson yet
  - Time to bring it back for reconsideration
  - Discussion re omsbudperson
  - Senate to take another look at the proposed job description for updates/changes
  - Motion made (Catharine Curran-Kelly) and seconded (Christopher Eisenhart) to re-affirm misconduct policy
    - Vote via Vevox - 82% approve -- motion carries
- Discussion of Senate Structure and Processes
  - Topics to consider
    - Establish rules of procedures
    - Method of filling vacancies for Senate officers
    - Question of possible changes to representation/composition of Senate
    - Opening of election of President & Secretary to all faculty, not just Senate
    - Creation of Vice-President
- Policy issues related to the Pandemic
  - Course evaluations: possible need to revise for current circumstances
  - Pass/No credit: allowed in the spring - do we need it for the fall?
  - Impacts on personnel evaluations (tenure reviews) - delays in research
- Motion to Adjourn
  - Made (Robert Darst) and seconded (Crystal Lubinsky)
  - Vote via Vevox