Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2020
3-5pm
Zoom Videoconferencing

- Call to Order
  - Parliamentary issues
    - Raise hands for issues, questions for the group
    - Introduce Vevox for in-meeting votes
- Approval of August 19th minutes
  - Motion made and seconded
  - Vote to approve via Vevox
- Secretary’s Report
  (Doug Roscoe)
  - By-law revisions
    - Need to deal with the name change for the College of Nursing
    - Correct some lost language from the previous by-law revisions
    - Draft language re succession of officer seats
  - Vacant Senate Committee seats
    - Review of open/vacant seats & request for volunteers
  - Update on research capacity
    - Research buildings are not open all the time
      - Effort to move to regular capacity
  - Undergraduate TAs
    - Seeking clarity on FERPA issue vis-à-vis grading
  - Course evaluations for AY2020-21
    - Review of evaluations because of COVID-19/move to online learning
  - Enrollment caps for online sections
    - OCE courses capped at 25
- Provost’s Office Report
  (Acting Provost Goodman)
  - Meeting with BOT CASA
    - Discussed campus experience re spring transition
  - NECHE update
    - Chancellor Preble, Provost Goodman, and Ram Bala met with NECHE for site visit
      - Visit was as successful as could be expected
    - Final interview with NECHE will involve Chancellor Preble, Provost Goodman, Ram Bala, and Institutional Research
  - Spring plans will be informed by circumstances
- Need to be prepared to adapt, if necessary
  - Cathy Curran – Question on data collection re current student experience via online/Zoom
  - Provost’s office will be working with Ram Bala on creating survey/assessment
  - Shakhnoza Kayumova – Question about how faculty and university can better help students
  - Robert Jones – Documents from Duke discussing appropriate tasks for undergraduate TAs

- Election of Senate President
  - Brief explanation of responsibilities of Senate President
  - Candidate statement by Catharine Curran-Kelly
  - Candidate statement by Jennifer Fugate
  - Candidate statement by Eric Larson
  - Candidate statement by Douglas Roscoe
  - Ballot sent via Qualtrics
  - Senators have until 11:59pm to cast their ballots

- Update re Budget
  (Vice Chancellor Gingerella)
  - Chad McGuire – Question about assumptions in the spring budget
    - Assumptions from BOT is 10% decrease in state aid and regular spring enrollment (all housing & dining back)

- Legal Issues/Best Practices for online class sections
  (Shaun Spencer)
  - Discussion re Zoom, recording classes, and use of webcam
  - Statements from students (Alexander Moulton & Liz Anusauskas) re their experiences with online classes, Zoom, and use of webcam

- Motion to Table and Adjourn
  - Made by Chad McGuire; seconded by Arpita Joardar & Shakhnoza Kayumova
  - Vote via Vevox