



Faculty Senate Minutes for May 5, 2020

Members present: Alan Pruitt, Joann Chang, Kara Tucker-Morgan, Ed Schubert, Sonja Greiner, Rita Brown, Lee Altman, Matt Smith, Liza Martinez, Martha Martinez, Scott Donnelly, Colton Kempton, William Blomquist, Maureen Garrett

A. Roll

B. Old Business:

1. Constitution Update: The Faculty Senate's new meeting time will be the 2nd Monday of the month from 3-4:30. No conflict with other events is foreseen for two academic years.
2. Faculty Salary – Open budget GDB meeting May 14: Matthew Smith is circulating a survey to the faculty on President Corr's salary proposal, which will be presented to the DGB on May 14, when the new budget will be voted on.

C. New Business:

1. DGB minutes: A concern has been raised that DGB minutes continue to lack detail, specifically about budgetary matters, leaving the community uncertain about the financial health of the college. Finance V.P. Roohparvar has stated that clarification of details will require a public records request; it is unclear whether to route the request to Mr. Roohparvar or the DGB.
2. The Coronavirus and Preparations for Fall Reopening (letter from Mike Miller): Matthew Smith will schedule a special meeting in the near future, inviting President Corr, and the present and incoming VPLS, to discuss a number of concerns and suggestions for the Fall Reopening. This will be a step toward setting up a college-wide task-force to consider the issues involved:

Concerns:

Will faculty with health concerns who are scheduled to teach face-to-face classes receive accommodations, e.g., switching to on-line instruction?

If instruction remains on-line, how will classes such as welding, ESL, nursing, and labs be able

to function?

Do faculty members have authority to instruct obviously ill students to leave class?

Should foreign and out of state students coming from highly impacted areas be a concern?

Will masks be required, and will the college be able to provide them?

Suggestions:

Front load classes: Cover areas that require face-to-face instruction early in the semester, in case of another shut-down.

Stagger classes: Let half the students come to class on the first day of the week and the other half on the second day, to increase social distancing and maintain current scheduling.

Cancel the first eight-week session, and go forward with the second eight-week session if conditions warrant.

Cap classes to maintain social distance, and observe other safety protocols: use of hand sanitizer, masks, etc.

D. Adjournment