



Faculty Senate Minutes for September 14, 2020

Members present: Colton Kempton, Joann Chang, Liza Martinez, Kara Tucker, Maureen Garrett, Steven Lund, Brooke Ayars, Kenneth Dale, David Kern, Gregory Byard, Kristine Duke, Rita Brown, Amanda Smith, Terry Williams, Julie Floss, Ila Peterson, Trisha Campbell, Matthew Smith, Scott Donnelly

A. Roll and Introductions of new members

B. Old Business:

1. Review: ASRS issue update: The background is that for 1 year or more, some faculty were not being credited in the retirement system. This was brought to Dr. Corr's attention last year and he reported that there would be an audit. The faculty senate would like to follow-up on this audit in the 2020-2021 year.

2. HSA accounts: The retirement conversation led to the conversation about the HSA accounts. The background is that some faculty had money taken from their HSA accounts last year. It was last reported that AWC police took this matter to the county attorney. Faculty senate would like to follow-up on this issue to inquire about the investigation. This is separate from the current HSA money issue.

C. New Business

1. We got raises! There was some mention that the raises may not have been considered equal or fair based upon time served.
2. Technology
 - a. Communication to the students and faculty about resources and labs:
The issue with technology in general is that we are asking students to do most of their courses online or remotely, but we aren't clearly communicating what technology is here to serve them in their classes. For instance: computer labs are keeping summer hours due to "low numbers" but the numbers might be there if the communication were clearer and the hours were adjusted.
 - b. Laptops: Joann reports that the laptops went through many discussions and currently we still don't have them. Senate would like more communication about the laptops and other services for students. When will we have them? How much will they be to rent? How can students rent them, etc.
 - c. Under-utilized classroom space for students to meet the technology needs of their classes.
 - d. Update on the 3-hour "CDC" guidelines for test-taking and sitting. It doesn't

appear these are current CDC guidelines. Can we have clarification?

3. Schedule updates
 - a. Are we just assuming the schedule is moving with the 3 modes for Spring 2021?

Other Concerns:

1. Dr. Corr's use of the word "staff" in his last report. Are we staff? Our ID cards don't delineate. Some clarification would alleviate anxiety.
2. Update on the assessment director? Is Martha still the interim director.
3. We are supposed to have a faculty coordinator for guided pathways, but no one has been hired to our knowledge.

Actions:

1. Senate president, Matthew Smith, to follow-up with Bob Walker on the technology issues.
2. Senate president, Matthew Smith, to follow-up with Dr. Corr about ASRS and HAS and the Spring 2021 schedule.

Suggestions:

1. In Canvas, Studio has the ability to go live as lecture, but it is costly. Can we look into this to serve our students?
2. We want to come up with a list of things we can do better to serve our students in Spring 2021 from a technology perspective.
3. Take a look at under-utilized space on campus for technology use.

D. Adjournment