

Faculty Senate Meeting January 15, 2021
Hames Room FNBA and Zoom

Attendees: Scott Anderson, Robert Bradley, Donna Caldwell, Rodney Carmack, Ross Carroll, Sarah Davidson, Addie Fleming, Amanda Wheeler-Gryffin, Joanna Grymes, John Hershberger, Amy Hyman, Donghoon Kim, Cheryl Knight, Natalie Johnson-Leslie, Jeff McLaughlin, Loretta McGregor, Bill Maynard, Suzanne Melescue, Paul Minor, Pradeep Mishra, Amanda Mohler, Vicent Moreno, Nikesha Nesbitt, Tim Oliver, Arianne Pait, Robert Robinette, William Rowe, Amany Saleh, Ed Salo, Richard Segall, Marcus Tribbett, Wayne Wilkinson and Karen Yanowitz.

Proxy Attendees: Gail Hudson for Katie Hill and Todd Sanders for Andrea Brown

Absentees: Mary Donaghy, Joe Ford, Hans Hacker, Annette Hux, Joseph Loar, Greg Phillips, and Paul Sikkel,

Meeting Called to Order: Donna Caldwell established a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Donna Caldwell

Order of the Day: Accepted without opposition

Approval of Minutes motion made to approve December 4, 2021 minutes by Ed Salo, seconded by Natalie Johnson-Leslie, motion carried.

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Kelly Damphousse

Through the winter break, administration began planning for a vaccine clinic for faculty in February. However, the timeline changed and an email was sent Monday January 11, 2021 announcing the clinic. A relationship was established with a pharmacy which is a requirement and the leadership team settled on Tuesday January 19, 2021. Thursday morning (January 14, 2020) ASTATE was informed that the pharmacy did not receive their order that they had placed for the vaccine. Some doses were secured but not nearly as many as needed, the leadership team then opted to vaccinate as many as possible on a first come, first serve basis. A wait list was then created for those who had signed up. Dr. Damphousse reminded Faculty Senate that there are also other options for the vaccine. The vaccine that will be used on campus is Moderna.

Capitol Building – continued heightened concern on the state and national level around the inauguration. Noted that rioting and more violent acts typically focus on symbolically important sites- no known threat or concern about ASTATE Campus. However, it is agreed that a police presence on the campus during the week of the inauguration is needed.

The Federal Government has authorized a new set of funding for higher education – more money has been allocated for students and the university – 14 million has been allocated related to COVID and 4 million of that will go to students. President Elect Biden has also indicated he wants to send more money to higher education. Administration is optimistic about how the year has started. ASTATE has had no layoffs, furloughs or reduction in pay; however, some in athletics took a voluntary pay cut. We still have a hiring freeze but there is hope that will end.

Enrollment numbers – numbers are still down, last year we retained 90% from fall to spring, now down to 87% from fall to spring.

Old Business:

Constitution and Bylaws Committee – Will meet on January 18, 2021.

SGOC

2020FA:02 Tested Experience Faculty Credentialing – Summer DeProw – Since September 2020 new protocols from HLC have formed the basis for the SGOC proposal. Need to have documentation and approval process in place and must be vetted through SGOC. Would allow individuals with specialized training but no degree to teach. Exclusions: no concurrent, no general education and no graduate. Will vote up or down on February 5, 2021.

2020FA:03 Eligibility for University Faculty Awards – Donna Caldwell- currently non tenured faculty are only eligible for the advising award. This proposal would create a new award for non-tenure track faculty in teaching. Will need to send comments in writing to Donna Caldwell. Will vote up or down on February 5, 2021.

New Business:

Standing Committee Reports: N/A

TASC to Connect Care: Lori Winn – experiencing issues with TASC and now transitioning to Connect Care. TASC is in the process of closing out existing accounts – monies will transition to Connect Care and that money will be available for use until the end of March. There have been issues setting up the portal for Connect Care and receiving cards. Lori needs to know if individuals are experiencing these problems.

Other Business:

If you need your name removed from the vaccine wait list let Lori Winn know.

Adjourn:

Motion made by Loretta McGregor to adjourn the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm