

FACULTY SENATE

Minutes

The Faculty Senate met February 22, 2021, via Zoom, due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements. A recording of the Zoom session can be found at this [link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKe3h1S9Ewg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKe3h1S9Ewg)

Note: I will summarize this part of the meeting, and would like to thank Joe Reid for being willing to share his PowerPoint slides and some brief commentary with me for inclusion in these minutes in place of a recording of his presentation. I have indicated in the minutes below where the recording begins, and from there on the minutes continue normally. I would appreciate any and all corrections/additions to the minutes for the part of the meeting that was not recorded.

Attendance/Quorum

President Don McDonnell called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. All Senators or alternates were present except Tracey Coon and Mark Clark, who were represented by alternate Senators Sevigny and Kevin Pinto respectively.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting were approved with one minor correction suggested by Addie Clark.

New Business

Joe Reid

- x The meeting began with a motion to alter the agenda to allow Joe Reid to present new business before the reports of the officers. This motion passed unanimously.
- x Joe provided Senate with a presentation which was not recorded, however, you can view his slides on pages 1-13 of this packet. These slides contain the quantitative data from his presentation regarding the COVID-19 impact on the University's financial position.

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- x Christopher said that the delayed IFS ballot is his fault, but that it will be sent out via email this week.
 - o Don said as a follow up that he plans to HQG D OHWWHU WR IDFXOW\ WKL V ZH activities.
- x Questions?
 - o There were no questions.
- x End of report.

Report of the ASOIT Delegate ² Mason Wichmann (16:13)

- x Mason was able to give a report to the Board, covering a number of things:
 - o Attempts to reestablish a connection with the ASOIT Portland Metro group.
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- x Questions?
 - o 5\DQ %URZQ DVNHG IRU PRUH GHWDLOV DERXW .ODPDWK) with Portland Metro ASOIT.
 - f Mason said that the groups have struggled in the past to establish a meeting schedule that both can stick to.
 - f He also said that part of the problem is that both campuses share a constitution, but it GRHVQ·W VHUYH ERWK HTXDOO\ ZHOO
 - o Don made a comment to make sure that the Portland Metro ASOIT President attends Senate meetings in the future.
- x End of report.

Reports of the Standing Committees

Faculty Rank Promotion & Tenure (RPT) ² Monica Breedlove (18:19)

- x Monica said that RPT has not yet met this term, therefore is no report.

Faculty Welfare ² Yasha Rohwer (18:32)

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- x End of report

Academic Standards ² Addie Clark (19:12)

- x Addie said that Standards has met once since the beginning of the term.
 - o :HQQ\ ,YLH ZDV LQYLWHG WR WKL V PHHWLQJ WR GLVFXVV deal with the waitlist policy, transcript evaluation, and the add/drop timeline.
 - f As a result of this discussion, it was discovered that the transcript evaluation process was UHFHQWO\ VORZHG GRZQ DV WKH UHVXOW RI D VRIWZ problem has since been fixed.
- x Addie also said that the discussion about transfer equivalencies is being had in GEAC as well, and that this LVQ·W DQ HIIRUW FRPLQJ RQO\ IURP +(&& EXW DOVR IURP WKI
 - o She encouraged anyone with concerns to reach out to GEAC and/or the RPT UDU·V 2IILFH
- x Questions?
 - o Maureen asked if the effort toward common course numbering also includes common credit counts.

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require every course across universities to match in terms of course number and credit
number, but it will likely require that many of them do.

- x End of report

Faculty Compensation (FCC)² Sean Sloan [\(24:10\)](#)

- x Sean said that FCC still needs to meet to discuss the data that Joe presented. They also need to discuss the possibility of updating the metrics used to analyze our salary data.
- x Questions?
 - o There were no questions.
- x End of report.

Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committee

- x Currently, there are no Special or Ad Hoc committees.

Unfinished Business

- x There was no unfinished business.

New Business

- x There was no new business.

Open Floor

Dibyajyoti Deb [\(25:24\)](#)

- x Deb reported on the Student Award process. Information regarding the Student Awards and the process by which you can nominate a student is described on the handout as included in the [February Senate packet](#)
- x If you have questions or want more information, Deb suggested that you contact Rachel Winters.

Kyle Chapman [\(27:28\)](#)

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- x He said that the DEI Committee is planning to offer some workshops and organize some focus groups, so there will be more communication from the committee soon. If you are interested in helping out, there will be many opportunities to do so coming down the line.
- x Questions?
 - o Cristina asked about talk around hiring a DEI Director.
 - f Kyle said that KH GRHV Q·M My thing has been worked on this one way or another yet.
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f Kyle said that this is something that the committee is aware of in general, and would like to get suggestions from faculty on how to change our vocabulary in the future.

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- x Dr. Mott thanked everyone for being vigilant and careful as COVID wears on.
- x She said that there are currently a number of legislative bills that could potentially affect the university, the most significant of which is the transfer bill that Addie discussed earlier.
 - o There has been a lot of discussion to find a way to come up with a version of the bill that is logistically reasonable without eroding its efficacy.
 - f She also said that if Senate has concerns about this bill and its potential impacts, the best route for expressing those is through our IFS to nt8 (cr)-2.99 96 ((l)-4.004 (FS)9.004 (to)-2.

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- o Terri also asked to clarify that next term will ~~not~~ be starting with two remote weeks. ~~exactly~~ the same as winter ~~W H U P E H F D X V H Z H~~
- f* Dr. Mott also verified this.
- o Terri asked how the initial round of COVID money was spent, and ~~how~~ the end of COVID money can be spent.
- f* Dr. Mott said that the most important thing at first ~~was~~ to prepare classrooms for COVID safe instruction, so much of the initial money went to classroom renovation and IT. There was also a significant investment in PPE and cleaning supplies.
 - x The CARES Act site provides a detailed breakdown of how the money was allocated; Dr. Mott suggested that Terri reach out to Stephanie Pope for more details.
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