



Faculty Senate

MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED

Regular Meeting

April 3, 2020

Meeting called to order: 2:31

Attendees

- Kenny Purcell
- Rich Bennett
- Rex Strange
- Wes Durham
- Shelly Blunt
- Charles Conaway
- Steve Gruenewald
- Charlotte Connerton
- Peter Whiting
- Ingrid Lindy
- Al Holen
- Brooke Mathna
- Peter Cashel-Cordo
- Adrian Gentle
- Mohammed Khayum
- Mary Doerner
- Jinsuk Yang
- Jennifer Greene
- Jamie Seitz
- Bartell Berg
- Amy Chan Hilton
- Andrea Wright
- Ken Walsh
- Rhonda Wheeler

I. Approval of 3/26 minutes

- A. Motion to approve minutes from 3/26/20 meeting
- B. Motion seconded

II. Chair’s Report

A. Departmental Chair Contracts (Charge 2019_24)

- 1. The work for this charge will have to continue into the Fall 2020 semester. Chairs will be surveyed in late summer or early fall.

B. Meetings

1. President’s Council (3/16, 3/24 and 3/31)

- a. Mostly discussion about Covid-19 and university response
 - (i) Information from those meetings is either already public on the USI Covid-19 website or already outdated
 - (ii) Telehealth counseling is live
 - (iii) 83 students living on campus
- b. Orientations and advising will all be virtual
 - (i) Faculty that have met with prospective/new students in the past will be contacted soon
- c. We should try to be a voice of calm for our students.



- d. Faculty really need to make sure they are keeping good records during all of this confusion
 - e. Federal Corona virus bill does include funds for higher ed
 - (i) Will not be a windfall for USI but will help cover some expenses incurred
 - f. Scenarios are being run so that we may be prepared for cuts from the state (after this fiscal year)
 - 2. Provost's Council (3/24 and 3/31)
 - a. Focus was on coronavirus discussion in both meetings
 - b. P/NP was discussed at 3/31 meeting
 - 3. Enrollment
 - a. We are meeting with students virtually
 - b. Registrations slightly up from last year
 - c. We will be holding special affordability meetings with families
 - d. Application fee waiver for locals through 4/30
 - e. Starting new text and social media campaigns
 - f. Orientation will be 3 tiered while virtual to provide flexibility to students
 - g. All financial holds are temporarily removed
 - (i) New payment plan options due to pandemic
 - 4. Elections and voting on amendments will go out next week
- III. Provost's Report
- A. May need to think about if the fall semester may or may not occur as normal.
 - B. NC-19 report has provided valuable information about student challenges.
 - 1. Dean of students is collaborating to cross reference students that are showing up on their reports.
 - C. Some concerns
 - 1. Some families may consider holding off on college for a year, regardless of income.
 - D. Enrollment
 - 1. About 900 registered for orientation
 - 2. About 400 students that have registered for class
 - 3. About 2700 students that have been admitted, but have not signed up for orientation
 - E. Fiscal year is good – people should receive their pay for the fiscal year
 - F. It is critical that we do the best we can with continuing students to maintain retention of those students.
 - 1. Some holds were released to not inhibit those students from registering for the fall
 - G. Entire summer schedule will be entirely online.
 - H. Tentative date for commencement should be announced by Monday.
 - I. Other summer programs are under review
- IV. Charge 2019_44
- A. Motion to reconsider Charge 2019_44 to remove any mention of a spring meeting
 - B. Motion made
 - C. Motion seconded
 - D. Discussion held
 - E. Motions carries
 - 1. Unanimous approval
 - 2. 2/3 majority
- V. Charge 2020_08 Covering Immigration Expenses for International Faculty
- A. Introduction of Charge – Wes Durham
 - B. Motion to accept the charge

- C. Motion seconded
- D. Discussion
- E. Motion called to vote
- F. Motion passed
- VI. Charge 2020_10 Option to add one academic year for tenure-track...
 - A. Motion to open up for discussion
 - B. Motion seconded
 - C. Motion passed
 - D. Discussion – Led by Wes Durham
 - 1. Would also include those currently on conditional reappointments
 - E. Motion to close discussion
 - F. Motion seconded
 - G. Motion passed
 - H. Motion to amend the charge to include clinical faculty
 - I. Motion seconded
 - J. Motion called to vote
 - K. Motion passed
 - L. Motion to accept the charge as amended
 - M. Motion seconded
 - N. Motion called to vote
 - O. Motion passed
- VII. Charge 2020_11 Option to disallow the use of spring 2020 CPSs
 - A. Motion to open the charge for discussion
 - B. Motion seconded
 - C. Motion called to vote
 - D. Motion passed
 - E. Discussion
 - F. Motion to close discussion
 - G. Motion seconded
 - H. Motion called to vote
 - I. Motion passed
 - J. Motion to approve the charge
 - K. Motion seconded
 - L. Discussion
 - M. Motion called to vote
 - N. Motion passed
- VIII. EBC Summary Report
 - A. Motion to accept the EBC Summary Report
 - B. Motion seconded
 - C. Discussion
 - D. Motion called to vote
 - E. Motion passed
- IX. EBC Salary and Benefits Report
 - A. Motion to accept the EBC Salary and Benefits Report
 - B. Motion seconded
 - C. Discussion
 - D. Motion called to vote
 - E. Motion passed

- X. Charge 2020_09 Modernization of drop course procedure
 - A. Introduction of charge – Kenny Purcell
 - B. Discussion
 - C. Charge withdrawn

Meeting adjourned: 3:44 pm