Faculty Senate

Meeting: October 26, 2021

Web-Conference, Zoom

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Agenda

1. Call to Order - Galen Foresman – Presiding
   1. Meeting called to order at 3 p.m.
2. Roll Call of Senators
   1. Roll call established by Senators posting their names and department in the chat area
3. Approve Agenda with Flexibility
   1. Motion to approve agenda made by Karen Jackson
   2. 2nd by Hong Wang
   3. Motion carries
4. Approval of September 28th Meeting Minutes
5. Statement from Galen Foresman
   1. Reported on committees that he sits on that are non-senate related and opened up his seat for other Senators to serve if they wish to.
      1. Discussion on the Safety Campus Committee
         1. Evening courses
         2. Security
         3. Lighting
         4. Parking areas
         5. Lindsey Avenue/Commuter Lots
6. Committee Reports
   1. Nomination Dr. Shon D. Smith
   2. New Programs and Curricula Dr. Shon D. Smith
      1. Chemistry
         1. Needs
            1. None
            2. Moved by Zach
            3. James Cribs
      2. Math
         1. Needs
         2. 624 course changes to 704 – check title box
         3. Missing change of curriculum form
            1. Motion to accept Karen Jackson
            2. 2nd Evelyn Hoover
            3. Motion passed
      3. Nanoengineering (NANO)
         1. Post Baccalaureate Certificate in STEM Entrepreneurship
            1. None
            2. Motion Made by Zack Denton
            3. 2nd Nicole McCoy
            4. Discussion
            5. Upon further discussion it was determine that this packet would be reviewed by the Dean of Business to minimize duplicating of courses
7. Education Policy Dr. Zachary Denton
   1. Discussed syllabus template draft and requested a vote from faculty senate to be adopted and presented to leadership for consideration. Dr. Stephanie Luster-Teasley agreed to assist in developing a committee to increasing the communication and transparency on this issue to
   2. Motion made by Niroj Aryal
   3. 2nd by Hong Wang
      1. Motion passes with one abstention
8. Faculty Welfare Dr. William Randle
   1. Presented report and asked faculty senate to adopt the following 3 priorities in the committee report:
   2. Aggie Cares Website
   3. Requesting that vaccination rates of students, faculty, leadership, staff updated on dashboard
   4. Policy
   5. Motion made by Scott Harrison
   6. 2nd by Jalderfer Wood
      1. Motion passes
9. Constitution Dr. Scott Harrison
   1. Reported that committee will be assembled to upgrade, and update constitute. Will be working with Handbook committee to update and address the needs on behalf of all faculty. Priorities include term limits.
10. Faculty Handbook Dr. Evelyn Hoover
    1. Reported that last Handbook review in 2019 and is to be reviewed every five years. Working with Constitution Committee on all updates. Items to be addressed include electronic voting, tenure and promotion process and website administration on links.
11. Academic Calendar Dr. Nicole McCoy
    1. Reported that committee continues to work on establishing an academic calendar for 3 to 5 years with the appropriate 90 days between spring and fall. Feedback on the academic calendar
12. Faculty Assembly Report Dr. Nicole Dobbins
13. New Business
    1. Dr. Karen Jackson made motion to put together an ad hoc committee to review mental health days within the institution to be moved forward to the chancellor office.
    2. Motion 2nd by Lybov Kurkalova
       1. Motion passes
    3. Individuals interested in serving on this committee short-term committee should contact Drs Foresman and Smith. Current Faculty Senate members interested include:
       1. Karen Jackson
       2. Shon D. Smith
       3. Amy Schwartzott
    4. Dr. Kalynda Smith inquired about number of reports being requested by leadership and if there was a way to decrease redundancy and increase efficiency in this process. Recommendation included Faculty Senate requesting dates for reports early in the term or placing them on calendar so that faculty could better prepare for reports.
    5. Dr. Shona Morgan inquired about ability to provide increased faculty input/collaboration on early alert reports process.
14. Adjournment
    1. Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m. by unanimous vote

Reminders and Other Important Information

* Open Enrollment for Benefits: Now!
* Shift to Remote Learning After Thanksgiving
* Graduation: December 11, 2021, at the Greensboro Coliseum (Masks Required); faculty may attend and sit on the floor (in chairs) more information forthcoming.
* Promotion and Tenure Webinar: <https://youtu.be/NjqCmR9zy7c>