**Faculty Senate Minutes**

Monday, December 7, 2020, 3:10 p.m., online via Zoom

**Senate Roster for 2020-2022:**

Kurtis Adams (MUSC), Robert Anthony (SCCJ), James Broomall (HIST), Larry Daily (PSYC), Rhonda Donaldson (LIB), Karen Green (SOWK), Jeff Groff (DEPS), Michael Groves (NURS), Max Guirguis (PSCI), Osman Guzide (CME), Heidi Hanrahan (ENGL/LANG), Desmond Lawless (RSES), Mengyang Li (CHEM), Belinda Mitchell (EDUC), David Modler (ART), George Ray (BADM), Kathleen Reid (ECON), John Steffen (BIOL), Cindy Vance (ACCT), Kevin Williams (COMM), Max Guirguis (ACF).

**Officers:** Heidi Hanrahan (President), John Steffen (Secretary), Jeff Groff (Parliamentarian)

Kurtis Adams MUSC Present

Robert Anthony SOCI/GEOG Present

James Broomall HIST Present

Larry Daily PSYC Present

Rhonda Donaldson LIB Present

Karen Green SOWK Present

Jeff Groff DEPS Present

Michael Groves NURS Present

Max Guirguis PSCI Present

Osman Guzide CME Present

Heidi Hanrahan ENGL/LANG Present

Desmond Lawless RSES Present

Mengyang Li CHEM x

Belinda Mitchell EDUC Present

David Modler ART Present

Tim Nixon CORE x

George Ray BADM Present

Kathleen Reid ECON Present

John Steffen BIOL Present

Cindy Vance ACCT Present

Kevin Williams COMM Present

**Guests:** Sylvia Shurbutt, Scott Beard

**Meeting Schedule (2020-2021):** 9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, **12/7,** 2/1, 2/15, 3/1, 3/22, 4/5, 4/19

**I. Approval of November 16, 2020 Minutes. approved @ 3:11 pm**

**II. Committee reports**

**Assembly Committees and Representatives**

A. Admissions & Credits (Senator Reid). Last meeting on Wednesday so file petition by noon on Wednesday, to Registrar’s Office.

B. Curriculum & Instruction (Senator Groves). Last meeting 5 min ago. 2nd reads from education / political science approved, Appalachian studies BA & BS are undergoing another round of edits. They await approval upon 2nd read.

C. Core Curriculum (Tim Nixon). No report.

D. Advisory Council of Faculty (Senator Guirguis) Sent Nov 30. Questions about last item on agenda: new ACS legislation initiative option for higher faculty eval (BOG & above): Do you support initiative? If Yes, how set in motion @ institution level? Placed on Agenda for January meeting.

**Faculty Senate Committees and Representatives**

E. Library Liaison (Senator Donaldson). No report.

F. Professional Development, Faculty Salary, and Welfare (Senator Reid). Establish a due date for 2nd run of mini-grant applications on March 10, 2021.

G. Scholarship & Awards (Senators Vance and Adams). We have acceptance for last lecture by Lynn Hannah.

H. Senate Bylaws (Senators Anthony and Groves). No report.

I. Washington Gateway (Senator Williams). No report.

**External Committee Representatives**

J. Calendar Committee (Senator Mitchell). No report. 1st meeting is Friday.

K. Diversity & Equity Committee (Senator Green). No report.

L. Enrollment Management Committee (Senator Broomall). No report.

M. Graduate Council (Senator Williams) See report

N. Student Success Committee (Senator Hanrahan). No report.

O. Technology Oversight Committee (Senator Guzide). No report.

**Other Committees**

P. Assessment Task Force (Senator Donaldson). No report.

Q. Budget Advisory Council (Senator Adams, Senator Groff, Senator Williams). No report. Final meeting cancelled.

R. Internationalization Advisory Council (Senator Lawless). No report. Pending.

S. Threat Assessment Task Force (Senator Daily). No report. Meeting tomorrow.

**III. Old business**  
A. Letter of Thanks. Faculty have indicated support. The letter has been approved and we will figure out how to send it.

B. Planning of Interdisciplinary Majors/Definition of Degrees: Update from Working Group (Senators Anthony, Broomall, Groves, Hanrahan, Modler, and Reid). Senate discussed the idea of forming a new Curriculum committee group. The new working group would be composed of representatives from all departments and would approve curricular changes after they come to the interdisciplinary board. The pros & cons of this idea are discussed, and the senate recommends the working group find out if the senate is in favor, find out if the departments are in favor, so we can vote in January.

C. Student Evaluation Working Group Updates. Will meet next week. The president expressed curiosity & interest & recommend thinking about setting a threshold to establish the minimum number of entries to achieve significance.

**IV. New Business**

Online evaluations: Senator RA announced that the new version of the on-line evaluation is for on-line asynchronous classes only. The committee, when it met, did not come to a conclusion about the open-ended questions at the end. RA requests senators take the letter back to the departments and ask for input nabout the open-ended question. HH: observes that there appear to be two groups related to this evaluation & asks RA to consider merge the 2 groups. The online asynchronous tool group can meet with SB group. SB: It seems the two groups differ in this way: one is a review of policy, the other a review of the tool itself. HH: Ok, 2 groups can stay separate. Senate suggests that one group (the tool group) works on online aysnchronous stuff & will look at adapting the evaluation for new classes), the 2nd group looks at policy 19 process changes.

**V. Announcements.**

SB: task force: begin thinking of plan b for start the of the semester if there is a continued uptick in COVID numbers. Perhaps plan full online for 1st 2 weeks of semester, but we are expecting vaccines in this area to arrive early & will go to full range availability at some point. Testing & surveillance will be the same as this semester. This is on the agenda for ELT tomorrow & task force on Wednesday.

HH: BOG meeting is Dec 17, at 4:15 pm. Turn cameras off. Links for attendance are on BOG website.

MG: Remote proctoring needs to be examined. MG asks senators to initiate discussion. Please let MG know if you’re interested.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm.