

## Faculty Senate meeting

30 April 2021

Senators in Attendance: Rex Strange, Brandon Field, Laura Bernhardt, Marilyn Ostendorf, Michael Strezewski, Sang woo Heo, Bartell Berg, Kenny Purcell, Adrian Gentle, Peter Cashel-Cordo, Mary Doerner, Jinsuk Yang, Jamie Seitz, Shannon Pritchard.

Other Attendees: Mohammed Khayum, Shelly Blunt, Amy Chan Hilton, Shelby Clark.

- Held via Zoom meeting. Called to order: 2:31 pm.
- Approval of previous minutes:
  - Approved unanimously, with minor corrections to remove incomplete sentences.
- Chair's Report:
  - At Large elections have started and will run through next Friday at 4:00PM
  - The Deans *et al.* were shown a draft new appointment letters that we will receive; the consensus was that the new language is an improvement over what was sent out last June/July.
  - A new(?) committee was formed to discuss the transition back to campus for this summer and fall. At this point, the committee plans to meet weekly and discuss subjects such as safety protocols in classrooms and alternative work arrangements, among other topics. The committee will most likely start with the guidance developed by the Academic Affairs committee of the Task Force and update the recommendations based on new (not-yet-released) guidance from the CDC and what we (USI) learned during the 2020-2021 term. Membership of this committee includes the provost, deans, registrar, chair of senate, and chair of Chair's Council. Also Library, University Division, and other are represented on the committee.
  - Rex wants to know if we might want to have senate review the reports from the subcommittees during the initial Fall meeting (retreat) with the committee chairs present?
  - There may be an ex-officio person appointed to the Core 39 Committee from the Library in the future.
  - In the absence of any other nominees, Rex Strange, was elected as chair of Faculty Senate next year unanimously, with one abstention.
- Provost's Report:
  - Budget presentation was this week. Provost doesn't know many more details than what was presented.
  - As far as enrollment: Freshman target 1525 for Fall. Currently, we have over 1050 students who have enrolled or have advising appointments scheduled over the next few weeks. Over the next two months, there's high confidence

- that we should be able to get the remaining students. Grad studies are looking at a small increase, and transfers and dual enrollment students aren't counted yet.
- Last year, credit hours generated were 109,000; this year we want to get to 125,000, which might not be attainable, but we want to exceed last year.
  - Remaining Committee Reports:
    - FASTRC Annual Report
      - It was suggested that the names of the people who were *not* given the awards be not listed in the committee reports.
      - The motion was made that the chair of Senate remove the item the lists the faculty member who was not funded. Motion passed unanimously. It was suggested that this policy be communicated to all committees who deal with awards in the future
      - The report, with redacted changes, was accepted by unanimous vote, with no abstentions.
    - Curriculum Committee Report
      - It was noted that the Curriculum Committee has been busy this year.
      - It was also noted that none of the returning members had agreed to chair it next year; Rex, as Faculty Senate Chair, will call the first meeting of the year and oversee their selection of the next chair.
      - The report was unanimously accepted.
    - FAAC report was sent to the Senate Chair today, but the whole subcommittee has not seen it yet, so that one will be held off until August.
  - Next meeting: In the fall. Have a great summer, everyone.
  - Adjourned at 3:09 pm.

Minutes recorded by Brandon Field, secretary.