**Faculty Senate Minutes**

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Zoom Meeting, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Attending Senators:** Taylor Acee, Gwynne Ellen Ash, Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Stacey Bender, Janet Bezner, Dale Blasingame, Rachel Davenport, Jennifer Jensen, Lynn Ledbetter, Vincent Luizzi, Benjamin Martin, Stan McClellan, Roque Mendez, Andrew Ojede, Michael Supancic, Nichole Wesley.

**Guests:** Lisa Ancelet, Shannon Duffy (Senate Fellow), David Nolan, Judy Oskam, Scott Pope, Arlene Salazar, Karen Sigler, Stephanie Towery (Library)

Meeting called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Senate Chair Bezner

**COVID-19 Updates and Discussion**

Senators discussed the university’s plan to publish the Welcome Back Bobcats website and faculty guidebooks providing guidelines for working and learning on campus during the active pandemic. Discussions focused on faculty concerns related to face covering and distancing compliance, social media repercussions, and Canvas support. Senators also discussed their desire for faculty and student perceptions of holding face-to-face classes for Summer II. Senators were reminded of the workplace modification request deadlines of June 29, 2020 for Summer II and August 1, 2020 for Fall.

**Committee Appointments**

Discussion related to committee appointments, chairs, and replacements for the following committees: Alumni Association Board, Voter Registration and Civic Engagement, Non-tenure Line Faculty, Security and Personal Safety, Budget, Environment and Sustainability, and Piper Professor. Senators voted to approve all committee appointments.

**Discussion of Faculty Senate 2020-2021 Goal/Objectives**

Senators discussed potential new themes or goals for 2020-2021 including Environmental Sustainability, Transformation, Dynamics, “I can’t breathe”, Justice, and Climate, or continuing another year with the theme of Diversity and Inclusion. Senators agreed to give the themes/goals consideration and discuss at the next senate meeting.

A discussion of interactions with senate liaisons focused on how to improve participation and engagement with liaisons.

**Executive Session**

Senators discussed concerns raised about the Title IX process and equitable treatment of faculty by department and division administrators.

**Approval of Minutes**

May 6, 2020 Faculty Senate minutes were approved by email prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Jensen