

Washburn University
Meeting of the Faculty Senate
August 31st, 2020
Zoom Meeting Hosted by FS Executive Committee

Present: Attendance not recorded via zoom.

- I. Call to Order- Morse called to order at 3:01pm
- II. Approve minutes of the May 4th, 2020 senate meeting
- III. President's Opening Remarks
 - We have learned so much from everyone
 - Teaching in a mask, tiring
 - Encouraged to keep an extra eye on our freshman.
 - Any concerns about freshman, please reach out to student success.
 - Keep an extra eye on students of color and pay attention to signals and help as you can.
 - Thank you for being amazing faculty
- IV. VPAA Update - Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek
 - Thank you for everything you are doing.
 - We have made it through the first two weeks.
 - Overall, we are doing well on campus, because of our students and faculty.
 - Thankful for faculty flexibility and hard work.
 - COVID reporting- Ball update on procedures in place for reporting to faculty
 - I. Notification from student health each evening and a report is run. Faculty, chairs, and deans notified when students in their department/in their classes are on quarantine.
 - II. Will get a clearance on students as well when able to return to class.
 - III. System going pretty well
 - IV. Daily updates
 - Thank you Dr Ball for doing the hard work of COVID reporting
 - Dr Grospitch update on COVID reporting-
 - I. We are working on sharing data on campus.
 - II. Our numbers are out there. Self reporting by students/faculty.
 - III. Number of positive cases and number in quarantine are available on COVID-19 page.
 - IV. Update every Monday morning with new cases for the week.
 - Question regarding mental wellness of students while in isolation. Counseling services reaching out to these students and students given access to 24 hour access line.

- Question regarding criteria for having students tested. Offering saliva test on campus for those with symptoms and those that should be reasonably concerned regarding exposure.
- Secondary exposures not encouraged to test unless symptoms develop.
- Question regarding extracurricular activities. Encourage students and faculty to follow same guidelines as in the classroom.
- No clustering of cases at this time on campus.
- Enrollment update- CEP is running behind schedule due to high school not back in session at this time. Taking CEP out, we are about 8% down in enrollment of student credit hours. CEP appears should be fairly stable.
- About 30% of classes are in person. 38% are hybrid. New modality 3&4 about 12%. Online course the same at 21%.
- Looking at schedules for the spring. Talk to chairs/deans if questions about modalities and classes for the spring.
- Temporary academic policies for the spring 2020. Some conversation coming regarding some of these policies being more permanent in nature.
- Question regarding closing campus. Would only close campus wide if governor or county mandated. Decision making at the deans/chair level based on the departments. Working together and monitoring on a daily basis.
- Division representative make sure COVID website information is shared with faculty in your department.

V. Consent Agenda motion to accept consent agenda, moved and accepted.

- Faculty Senate Committee Reports-none
- University Committee Reports- Received April 14, 2020 minutes of the Academic Diversity & Inclusion Committee
- Summer Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes received from June 8th, 29th, and July 27th meeting.

VI. Old Business- none

VII. New Business- onone

VIII. Information Items

- KBOR Meeting Academic Leader meeting report
 - I. Not much to report at this time

IX. Discussion Items

- Announcement of Faculty senate 20-21 committees and meeting dates
 - I. Committee assignment shared by Morris. Executive committee worked in sorting of committees. Committee members and faculty senate dates are on the faculty senate webpage.
 - II. Thank you to the executive committee for work on this.
 - III. Gen Ed should have a rep also per Dr Ball. Morse will look at this.

- IV. Some faculty reports not having a committee assignment. Some faculty don't have a sub-committee and others do double duty based on department and rules of each committee.
 - Announcement of formation of Intellectual Property Policy Task Force-Still no policy. Committee formed with faculty and reps from faculty senate, committee largely faculty. Policy would go through faculty affairs and to full senate. This is a WUBOR policy. Plan for lots of opportunity for input across campus. Likely take a full academic year. Executive committee to send list to Dr Mazachek for appointment.
 - Continuation of some A/Pass/Fail and withdraw policies from Spring 2020 semester. End of March, senate made some significant changes to policies. Which of these policies should be continued?
 - I. Concerns about multiple incompletes.
 - II. Concerns about letting students change to pass/fail after grades are posted.
 - III. Faculty should be flexible but still provide structure.
 - IV. Delay in grades cause delay in licensing for professions that require licensing.
 - V. Recommendation to relook at the policy language at next meeting so policies can go to academic affair. Best if done by the end of September for the students so they can make the best decisions with all in.
 - VI. Senate to discuss and academic affairs to bring back to full senate.
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- X. Announcements
 - Powerful exhibit at Mulvane on hostile terrain.
 - Pay attention on online virtual events at Mulvane Art
 - Awaiting list on movies for the semester
 - WUMaster- reach out with ideas for WUMaster.
 - XI. Adjournment – 4:03pm Senators sent to breakout rooms to decide on chairs of the committees. Newly appointed committee chairs to email president Morse.