

FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2020

Faculty Senate Chair: Anne Flesher	Faculty Senate Chair-Elect: YeVonne Allen	Past Faculty Senate Chair Mike Holmes
Executive Committee member, Academic Standards and Assessment Chair Mark Maynard	Executive Committee member, Curriculum Review Chair Virginia Irintcheva	Executive Committee member, Professional Standards Chair Melanie Purdy
Executive Committee member, Salary, Benefits and Budget Chair Ron Marston	Administrative Faculty Committee Chair Diane Nicolet	Library Committee Chair Rob Lively
Part-Time Faculty Committee Chair Marynia Giren-Navarro	Recognition & Activities Committee Chair Lauren Gatto	WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee Chair Dan Hooper
Senators At-Large: Kate Kirkpatrick Jose Torres-Jasso Staci Miller Adine Stormoen	Senator for Allied Health: Heidi Himler	Senators for Technical Sciences: Sam Byington Wes Evans
Senators for Biology: Jinger Doe Virginia Irintcheva	Senators for Computer Technologies: Steve Bale Cathy House	Senators for English: Elizabeth Humphrey Karen Wikander
Senators for History, Political Science & Law: Fred Lokken Ben Scheible	Senators for Humanities: Elena Atanasiu Eric Bullis	Senators for Math: Rebecca McCleary Becky Porter
Senators for Physical Sciences: Ed Corbett Judy Fredrickson	Senators for Social Sciences: Julia Hammett Paula Reynolds	Senators for Visual and Performing Arts: Candace Garlock Ron Marston
Senators for Part-Time Faculty: Gwendolyn Clancy Edwin Lyngar	Classified Council Representative Tina May	Student Government Representative Alexandra Patri

Absent: Anne Flesher (Proxy: YeVonne Allen), Edwin Lyngar (Proxy: Gwendolyn Clancy), Cathy House

Guests: Amber Anaya, Natalie Brown, Elena Bubnova, Yuli Chavez Camarena, Julie Ellsworth, Christine Faulstitch, Tommie Guy, Precious Hall, Karin Hilgersom, Andy Hughes, Marcie Iannacchione, Estella Lavario Gutierrez, Marie Murgolo, Jim New, Barb Painter, Tina Ruff, Brandy Scarnati, Kim Studebaker, Tedi Taylor, Nancy Thiele, Dolores Wonder

The meeting was called to order at 12:38 p.m.

Chair-elect Allen welcomed and thanked everyone for attending via Google Hangouts/Meet

Approval of the March 13, 2020 Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes for March 13, 2020.

Movant: Senator Kate Kirkpatrick

Second: Senator Ginger Doe

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve the April 3, 2020 Consent Agenda.

Movant: Senator Ron Marston

Second: Senator Staci Miller

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Administrative Report – Dr. Karin Hilgersom, TMCC President

Dr. Hilgersom opened her report thanking everyone for their quick work in transitioning to remote working and learning. All of our systems are holding up well with very few hiccups. Dr. Hilgersom is working from home 3 out of 5 weekdays as access to TMCC buildings has been reduced per the directives of the Governor and NSHE.

The Budget Reduction Taskforce is forming and Dr. Hilgersom gave thanks to Senate Chair Flesher and Chair-Elect Allen for their input and suggestions towards the formation of the taskforce. The request for hiring exceptions was submitted to the Chancellor for approval. Dr. Hilgersom expects to hear the result of the request on Monday.

When asked: “What is your image of our college?” by Dr. Hilgersom to the senate body, there were many heartfelt and positive responses given in the chat feature of today’s virtual meeting. Dr. Hilgersom asks for support in defending TMCC and the truth.

Chair-Elect Allen noted to please continue commenting in the chat section and noted this is a time for us all to stand together for our institution and for each other. The Faculty Senate Executive Board is concerned minority voices might not be representing the faculty accurately. Shared governance is not just between leadership and faculty, but something we should all adhere to even faculty within faculty.

Administrative Report – Dr. Marie Murgolo, Vice President Academic Affairs

Dr. Murgolo thanked everyone for the amazing job focusing on the students and going remote. She also praised the WebCollege and Tutoring Center for the extra work they have done to help staff, faculty, and students adjust. The dean searches are continuing. An interim role will be offered, if not accepted, the college will do an internal search to fill those positions.

Hiring exceptions which were submitted to the Chancellor and TMCC will continue interviewing. An offer will be made once TMCC has the Chancellor’s approval.

Marie thanked everyone for the quick work to adjust for Summer School by moving to web-based formats or moving to second session. Chair-elect Allen fielded questions concerning summer school, Summer Bridge, labs, and when students will be able to come back. Options are being worked out for Summer Bridge for second session, possibly in a hybrid format. There are too many unknowns with COVID-19 to give definite answers. The hope is after June 30 students can come back to campus for lab work.

Chair’s Report – Chair-Elect Allen

Anne is attending a NSHE Corequisite Math working group and is sorry she could not attend today. Chair Flesher’s detailed report and attachments are in the Google Drive.

Chair-Elect’s Report – YeVonne Allen

Chair-Elect Allen reported Virginia Irintcheva was nominated for Faculty Senate Chair-Elect. Voting will open April 6-24. The Chair-Elect will be announced at the next senate meeting. Other happenings: the Textbook Taskforce is forming and Anne and YeVonne are serving on the COVID-19 Taskforce. Please send any questions or concerns to Anne or YeVonne to bring forth at the COVID taskforce. Chair-Elect Allen’s report is in the Google Drive.

Committee Reports

The general committee reports were included in the Google Drive for today's meeting. Any standing committee chair who had an action item or additional highlights from his or her committee provided a report at today's meeting.

- **Library Committee – Rob Lively**

Rob brought forth the bylaw change to rename the Library Committee to Learning Commons Committee. The Executive Board had some edits on the bylaw change after the last senate meeting. It was agreed to bring the bylaw change to the May senate meeting for a 2nd read. Rob also let the senate know the tutoring center is offering online sessions for students.

- **Academic Standards and Assessment Committee – Mark Maynard**

The Academic Calendar is an action item brought to senate for approval. The biggest change to the Academic Calendar is the 2023 Commencement. The recommended date is May 12, 2023. Barb Painter also noted AY 23-24 is being added to the calendar.

Chair-elect Allen called for a vote on the motion to approve the Academic Calendar with the commencement date of May 12, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark's committee completed the Nursing PUR and nominations are open for the Academic Standards and Assessment Committee Chair. The last meeting is April 17, 2020.

- **Salary, Benefits and Budget Committee – Ron Marston**

The Salary, Benefits and Budget Committee has not met since the last senate meeting. Ron recapped the action items that were approved at the last senate meeting. The next meeting is April 10, 2020 via BlueJeans conferencing.

- **Administrative Faculty Committee – Diane Nicolet**

The Summer Synergy Summit is moving forward. The Administrative Faculty is working with Classified Council to share speakers and events. Two people have volunteered to chair the Administrative Faculty Committee. An election will be held to choose the chair at the next meeting on April 17, 2020.

- **Curriculum Review Committee – Virginia Irintcheva**

The committee has not met since the last senate meeting. The next meeting is April 24, 2020 via BlueJeans Conferencing. There is one candidate for committee chair. Please let Virginia or Amber know if you are interested in chairing the committee. The GenEd Taskforce is tabled until Fall in light of the COVID-19 situation.

- **Part-Time Faculty Committee – Marynia Giren-Navarro**

The committee discussed ways to support part-time faculty during this time. Part-time faculty have different needs than full-time faculty and are exploring ways to provide support. Nominations are still open for committee chair, please let Marynia know if you are interested.

- **Professional Standards – Melanie Purdy**

Melanie will have one more meeting this semester on April 24, 2020 and will be continuing as chair for the Professional Standards Committee in the Fall. Melanie also praised Gwen Clancy's efforts and methods in online instruction. Melanie was able to observe one of Gwen's classes which her daughter attends.

- **Recognition and Activities Committee – Lauren Gatto**

The committee has not met since the last senate meeting. The next meeting is on April 7, 2020. The committee is continuing The Distinguished Faculty Awards and will do Professional of the Month awarding virtually with Zoom or BlueJeans. Please submit nominations.

- **WebCollege Faculty Advisory Committee – Dan Hooper**

Dan reported 100 faculty are using the student landing page. The committee will be designing a survey to measure the effectiveness of the landing page. It should be out in May. Dan noted most instructors are adjusting well and advises all instructors to use online training for Canvas and to take advantage of the resources offered. There is an ACUE link in Dan's report in the drive that has a useful seminar related to online learning.

- **Student Government Association – Alexandria Petri**

There was event attendance of over 3,000 students at the four campuses so far. There were 2 successful blood drives. Other activities the SGA is working on are: a fight song committee for student submissions, Pasta with the President, student forums, 2020 Nevada Census, and working to allocate scholarship funds for undocumented



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students. Next week, SGA will have a virtual meeting. Alexandria also complimented the instructors for working so quickly to move classes online.

- **Classified Council – Tina May**
Classified Employee of the Year nominations are open.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting Adjourned: 1:15 p.m.