

Meeting Minutes – Faculty Council

Meeting Information

Date: October 7, 2020 Location: zoom
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Chair: Charlene Gross
Note Taker: Jennifer Curry Morgan Approved by: Gwendolyn Walker

Attendees: Jennifer Curry Morgan, Ted Christopher, Gwendolyn Walker, Marcus Shaffer, Sebastian Trainor, Darrin Thornton, Mallika Bose, Emily Burns, Wanda Knight, Sarah Watts, Dean Carpenter, Bonj Szczygiel, Alec Spangler, Heather McCune Bruhn, Charlene Gross, Bryan Nichols, & Carlos Rosas

Absent: Gaurav Ganguli

Agenda Items:

September’s meeting minutes were approved

At Large working group subcommittee to drum up nominees

Charlene – Is anyone interested in joining her on the subcommittee?

Charlene will also mention at large elections and drumming up interest during the Town Hall on October 23rd.

Ad hoc committee – Constitution changes, Sustainability Council, Grad Affairs

Alec Spangler and Sarah Watts volunteered to work with Charlene.

Senate Update – Bonj

The discussions include COVID testing issues with commonwealth campuses; Fixed Term contract verbiage which needs protective language for FT faculty.

They are working with Grad Council and forming a subgroup of Faculty Senate. The group would like to have meetings open to the public, but there is resistance.

Bonj encouraged joining Faculty Senate; it’s a four-year term and it is a rewarding experience.

Charlene: Faculty Affairs is tackling SRTEs and annual evaluations.

Bonj: Studies show there is a bias with SRTEs. Women and people of color did not fare well.

Wanda: difficult course and bias

FC Chair, Chair-elect, and Secretary

Gwendolyn Walker volunteered to be secretary.

Faculty Council Town Hall, 10/23, noon – 1 p.m.

Topics: Tackling SRTEs re: equity, diversity, and inclusion

Subcommittee to brainstorm ideas: Ann Clements will talk at the Town Hall

Heather, Gwendolyn, Carlos, and Wanda volunteered.

Town Hall will be recorded and announced via Newsline

Committee Updates

Heather: UG Curricular Affairs is discussing ED&I issues. Make resources available to enrich courses.

Emily: Research & Creative Activity. Barb Cutler is sending out a doodle poll so the committee can meet in November. The committee is called as needed.

Wanda: Sabbatical Committee had 7 applicants and they meet weekly. ED&I is creating a theme they can work around

Dean Carpenter: Suzanne Adair created a newly formed Advising Committee. There is a proposal mandating bias training.

Move to adjourn

Next meeting:

November 4, 2020 8-9 a.m.