

University Assembly

November 18, 2020

ZOOM Meeting

Members Present: Adams, Airhart, Allcott, Allen, Blair, Brachey, C. Brown, Z. Brown, Bryant, Buntin, Chang, Craven, Drexler, Duncan, Edmonds, (Fowler) Proxy-Westbrook, Frye, Gotcher, Hajdik, Hanna, Harris, Harvey, Honeycutt, Isbell, Jones Kolodziej, Langford, Larimore, Lay, Lee, Luke, Manginelli, Maxwell, Meadows, Mills, Nelson, L. Norris, Null, O'Connor, Pardue, Payne, Rand, C. Roberts, J. Roberts, Roth, Russell, Shank, D. Smith, T. Smith, Smith-Andrews, Stein, Stretz, Swartling, Swartzentrover, Taylor, Weathers, Wilbanks, Wilson, Winkle, Wolak, Zagumny

Members Absent: Bates, Bohannon, Ding, Fornehed, Howard, Killman, Laningham, Matthews, Melichar, S. Norris, Ojo, Paradis, Rogers, Semmes, Shipley, Slater, Stinson, Wells, Wilcox, Witcher

Non-Voting Members Present: Braswell, Bruce, Hardin, Huo, Johnson, Lykins, Owens, Diane Smith, Stephens, Schrock, Sofia, Wray

Summary of Proceedings:

Approved agenda

Approved minutes from April 22, 2020

Received report of the Administrative Council for Fall 2020

Received report of the Academic Council for Fall 2020

Received President Oldham remarks from Karen Lykins

Other such matters

Proceedings:

Dr. Lori Bruce, filling in for President Oldham, called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. Richard Rand motioned to approve the corrected agenda and Lisa Zagumny seconded. Motion APPROVED.

A motion to approve the minutes of April 22, 2020, was made by Michael Allen and seconded by Richard Rand. Sandra Smith-Andrews asked that her name be spelled with an "i" instead of a "y". Motion APPROVED.

The report from Academic Council for Fall 2020 was put behind the Administrative Council report due to technical difficulties of Dr. Lori Maxwell.

Received report from Administrative Council for Spring 2020 by Smith-Andrews indicating that the Council met three times. Smith-Andrews stated that the Administrative Council received nine out of cycle policies that were informational only. Five revised policies were approved, three sets of procedures, and four student organizations were also approved. The student organization's constitutions showed dedication to diversity, creativity and civic engagement. Their first meeting of the Spring is scheduled for January 27th. No Discussion. Report ACCEPTED.

Michael Allen motioned to receive the written report from the Academic Council, submitted to the Assembly before the meeting. Smith-Andrews seconded. Jeanette Wolak asked if someone on the Academic Council could explain more about the Environmental Engineering Degree. Sharon Huo added that it was not a new program but actually a new concentration, under the Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering. Holly Stretz commented she was working with Ben Moore to partner Chemical Engineering and Civil Engineering to give our students more opportunity to earn minors and concentrations in Environmental Engineering. Report ACCEPTED.

President Oldham's remarks were delivered by Karen Lykins. Notes attached.

Other such matters: Stretz thanked the upper administration for teaching classes this semester. It has been a tremendous contribution and has helped the administrators understand the position of the faculty. Provost Bruce commented on how much she has enjoyed teaching and it has helped her to understand the realities of the different platforms that are being used.

Wolak mentioned how they are all grateful for the Wednesday off before Thanksgiving. Bruce reminded everyone there is a virtual University Wide Faculty Meeting scheduled for December 2nd at 3:35 p.m. Linda Null asked Lykins if we could get a transcript of the President's remarks? Yes, Lykins would send Null a copy. Brian O'Connor asked if a copy could go to the Board of Trustees so they will know of all the efforts we are doing during these trying times. Yes.

Rob Owens added that there are several individuals in our housing and health services that will not get a Wednesday off. If you have an opportunity to send a kind message to please do so. They get a whole lot of negative comments and would be grateful to be flooded with kind remarks.

Richard Rand motioned to adjourn. Michael Allen seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Diane Smith, recorder