



AY 2020-2021 Faculty Senate Meeting Emergency Meeting
Zoom meeting - Friday, May 22, 2020
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Minutes Prepared by Cynthia Cripps

Senators Present: Khalid Aada, Punit Ahluwalia, Sonja Arredondo, Bruno Arthur, Sandra Atkins, Jameela Banu, Linda Belau, Karl Berg, Dumitru Caruntu, Mircea Chipara, Cynthia Cripps, Amy Cummins, Mark Dantzker, George Diaz, Miryam Espinosa–Dulanto, Raquel Estrada, Louis Falk, Zen Faulkes, Fuat Firat, Christine Gerin, Eleftherios Gkioulekas, Ayleen Godreau, Rene Gonzalez, Sergey Grigorian, Jon Guist, Tekla Hawkins, Marcela Hebbard, Sharon Helsley-Mcginley, Kip Austin Hinton, Wendy Innis, Ulku Karabulut, Hale Kaynak, Dae Joon Kim, Dean Kyne, Kye-Hwan Lee, Hansheng Lei, Irving Levinson, Karin Lewis, John Luna, Michael Machiorlatti, Robert Magee, Salma Mahmood, Rachel Mann, Arnulfo Mar, Teri Mata-Pistokache, Randall Monty, Nancy Nadeau, Charles Olney, Cynthia Paccacerqua, Michael Persans, Volker Quetschke, Abdullah Rahman, Miguel Salazar, Clarissa Salinas, Andrea Schwarzbach, Dana Shackelford, Stephanie Atkins Sharpe, Denise Silcox, William Sokoloff, Owen Temby, Paul Valadez, John VandeBerg, Jorge Vidal, Vejoya Viren, William Yaworsky, Yingchen Yang, Soojin Yoo, Aziza Zembrani

Senators Absent: Jair Aguilar, Andrew Anabila, Grant Benham, Narayan Bhat, Robert Gilkerson, Jimmy Gonzalez, Michiyo Hirai, Junfei Li, Jerry Lyles, Lucia Carreon Martinez, Diana Paz, Emmy Perez, Sam Sale

Administrator: Vanessa Ceballos

Guests: Juanita Acebedo, Michelle Alvarado, Alex Stehn

I. Convene Meeting: 2 pm

II. Meeting on May 18 with Dr. Bailey: Update from FS officers Volker Quetschke and Cynthia Paccacerqua regarding President Bailey’s announcement of Dr. Patricia McHatton stepping down.

- Due to misjudgment of budget management by Dr. McHatton.
- UTRGV was potentially expecting up to 15% (\$12 million) reduction in biennial state appropriation in the upcoming year.
- In anticipation of this reduction, Academic Affairs announced that Dr. McHatton needed to save up to \$2 Million. All maintenance budget, operating budget, instructional support, and IDC of colleges, departments, and schools were swept and moved to Academic Affairs. Any requests for funding for projects would need justification and approval from Academic Affairs.
- Discussion, questions, concerns:
 - regarding recovering the “funds that were swept”.

- College Deans should be receiving the money back and distributing it. Check with your Chairs and Deans about budgetary issues.
- Overload pay concerns: administration is asking to enroll students, without capping classes and it is unsure faculty will get overload pay.
 - Concern – if there is money for blueprinting, there should be money to pay overloads
 - CARES money couldn't be used for overload payment
 - FS and Faculty and other units should be consulted. Graduate College (EVPR's office) should not be the ones to solely decide which courses are blueprinted. This has been implemented "top down"
- Clear, transparent information is important from administration. Many rumors are circulating due to lack of honest communication.
- FS should make a list of concerns, wishes, grievances to take back to Dr. Bailey and Dr. Arney (acting as deputy president and is overseeing the units)

V. Quality Matter Course Assignments (HOP Policy Number: ADM 07-105) and Faculty Intellectual Property/Copyright Ownership of Blueprinted QM Certified Courses

- Blueprinting Courses and Workshop
 - May 20th meeting with Dr. Parwinder Grewal, Dr. Janna Arney, Francisco Garcia (COLTT), and Karen Adams (UTRGV Legal Office)
 - Shared Ownership Agreement Sample – working on an agreement that the blueprint will be co-owned by the university and the faculty member. Once the faculty member leaves UTRGV, the university has ownership to the blueprinted course for up to one year.
 - Decisions should be made at department level. Seems some faculty volunteered, and others were "told" to do it.
 - Unanimous vote: Political Science refuses to blueprint and denies anyone the opportunity to do it. If they do it, they will not be allowed to teach the blueprinted course.
 - Much conflicting information about blueprinting. We need to collect questions and concerns and invite Dr. Grewal and Francisco Garcia and others to respond to these, and/or invite them to a meeting to answer them
 - If another person teaches a blueprinted course, there is an approval process for another person to modify the course.
 - Category of Copyright: "work made for wage": contracted work for hire
 - It is important that you read the Distance Learning policy, in effect since 2015. Keeping in mind that 2015, 2016 faculty was not asked to contribute to its design. It was reviewed in 2019.
 - QM is a business:
 - Quality enhancement program 2011 pilot program
 - Relationship between blueprinted courses and faculty control of curriculum by standing committees

- Committees have been bypassed – departmental committees (Biology), College Curriculum Committees (Health Professions), Undergraduate and Graduate Curriculum committees bypassed: putting a call out to individuals, individuals were able to bypass these committees
 - Many were core courses
 - General Education Curriculum Committee (members Alex Stehn, William Sokoloff, Andrea Schwarzbach) was not included in the discussion of blueprinting.
 - This blueprinting moves beyond creating a class but moves toward creating a curriculum. Person responsible is responsible for SLOs etc., and when someone else teaches the course, it is supposed to be replicated by someone else. In that case it needs to be reviewed by the standing committee.
 - Recommendation by guest Alex Stehn: “any blueprinted course produced from this initiative, NOT have standing as curriculum until it is vetted by appropriate departmental, college, university etc. committee.”
 - Blueprinting is for a limited period of time, just as books change and materials change.
 - Blueprinted course is assumed to be asynchronous
 - Grey areas how these courses are being used, departments may need their own policies.
 - We can ask for clarification, but we need to know more about the process
- *What to do next-* short term and long term

IV Task force to reopen campus fall 2020

- Report from Volker Quetschke and Cynthia Paccacerqua – FSEC recommending secretary, parliamentarian, president-elect, president, and past president to be on the task force, but the president only wanted two people, Volker, and Cynthia.
- Cynthia is planning to make another working group. Will create a shadow working group on research and the library. One person will be selected from each college. There was no mention regarding available budget. We asked for a faculty senate rep in the budget committee, and all relevant committees. Cynthia proposes that we ask for it immediately, or we will write a resolution. Dr. Bailey obviously does not want FS to write a resolution. Create a list of things that must be addressed by Dr. Bailey.
- Report from Nancy Nadeau’s working group: (clinical education, lab, and hospital clinical) Things to consider: flu season will rise in the fall. Will we have the parking back? Students are supposed to go back to clinical, but faculty are expected to be teaching. Please watch Dr. Krouse fall 2020 recommendations Facebook video if you missed it. We, in clinical and lab, are getting ready to come back for the fall semester 2020.
- Report from Karin Lewis – (no report)
- Recommendation from FS President Cynthia Paccacerqua – be prepared to go back on-line.

- If you hear of things happening about blueprinting, or other things and you want to remain anonymous, please reach out to me.

V. 4:36 pm move to adjourn by Fuat Firat, seconded by William Sokoloff