

**Minutes**  
**Faculty Senate**  
**April 7, 2020 11:00 a.m.**  
**Via Zoom**

**Members present:** Tim Anderson, August Bruehlman, Mathew Brust, Mary Jo Carnot, Kurt Kinbacher, Don King, James Koehn, Kim Madsen, Joel Schreuder, Deane Tucker, Don Watt, Kathleen Woods and Scott Cavin.

**Members absent:** Mike Leite and Jamie Wada

**Ex-officio, present:** Christine Fullerton, PSA representative

**Guests:** none

**I. Call to Order**

The zoom meeting was called to order by President Deane Tucker at 11:05 a.m.

**II. Adopt Agenda:**

Motion to adopt agenda made by Don Watt, seconded by Scott Cavin. Motion carried.

**III. Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes:**

\* No quorum, so no minutes for 3/3/2020

**IV. Standing Committee Business Items to Discuss and/or Approve:**

1. Committee Reports
2. Minutes
  - A. ARC 3/24/2020 -- Motion was made by Kurt Kinbacher and seconded by Don Watt to accept and approve the minutes for Academic Review Committee held on March 24, 2020 via zoom.

**V. Information Items/Discussion and Action Items**

1. Information items and upcoming events

- 9 April 2020: Faculty and Staff Recognition Luncheon
- 21 April 2020: Faculty Senate Meeting
- 19-21 April 2020: CAEP Accreditation Campus Visit
- 22-25 April 2020: CAO and Board Meeting
- 17-19 June 2020: CAO and Board Meeting
- 1 July 2020: Negotiated Rulemaking regulations become effective
- December 2020: CCPE Program Review for 2020-21 – Biology, Communication Arts, Health Sciences, History, Rangeland Management, and Social Work
- 7 June 2021: HLC Assurance Review

2. Discussion/Action Items

A. Update—Faculty Senate Constitution and By-laws

The majority of Faculty Senate members voted to accept and approve the updated Constitution and By-laws for Faculty Senate via email vote April 3, 2020. Since the member of FS approved the revisions, all full time faculty will have 2 weeks to review, provide feedback and vote to approve the changes. Deane Tucker requested IT create a survey monkey to all full time faculty to review the updated Constitution and By-laws by April 21, 2020.

## **B. Update—2020-2021 Elections (see document in Sharepoint)**

A list of the updated 2020-21 Faculty Senate committees from recent elections at School meetings is available on Sharepoint.

The list includes Committees that need to elect a chair and provide feedback about scheduling meetings for the upcoming year.

There are still ex-officio or liaison members that need to be added to the list from elections in student and staff organizations.

## **C. Grading this semester (Dr. Anderson)**

A discussion was held about final grading of courses for the Spring 2020. Members shared issues regarding challenges faced by students due to the coronavirus and changes in the routine for course deliver. Questions regarding staying with letter grades or using pass/fail grades was discussed. After some discussion about it being too late to change and leaving it up to the Professor in the course to decide, Deane Tucker agreed to reach out to Dr. Jim Powell for input on grading policies.

## **D. Commencement and associated activities (Dr. Powell)**

President Tucker asked for discussion regarding input from member of Faculty Senate regarding commencement options. Students will be receiving diplomas and a tassel via mail in May with the college hoping to plan a formal ceremony later in the summer. Members shared thoughts about what other institutions are doing such as UNL postponing the ceremony until August, maybe holding the ceremony outside, and including seating for the 2020 graduates in years to come at graduation ceremonies. Katie Woods provided information on what Chadron Public Schools are doing.

FS members are encouraged to share any thoughts they have with the administration.

## **E. Administrative Evaluations**

Mathew Brust made a motion to support the evaluation for administrators based on the evaluation form used previously. Motion seconded by Don Watt. After some discussion about concerns for the time it might take to update the survey and where the information can be obtained for finding the survey, the motion carried.

Deane Tucker will request information from Paula Perlinski about activating the survey.

## **F. Faculty Senate Leadership for next year**

President Tucker asked members of the Faculty Senate to consider volunteering for leadership positions for the 2020-21 year. A President and Vice President are needed. Kim Madsen agreed to continue as Secretary another year. Members decided to bring the request up at the April 21 and final meeting of the year when new Faculty Senate members are available for more discussion.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Mathew Brust, second by Don King. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

**Recommendations for Faculty Senate (or Academic Review, for Graduate Council and Essential Studies)**

**Action** (A highlighted summary of actions recommended in meeting business above; should include any proposed change in policy, procedure, or curriculum and/or proposed committee or collective faculty recommendations to the CSC administration):

1. \_\_\_(brief summary, with reference to specified discussion item above) \_\_\_

**Faculty Senate Decision:**

**Minutes Accepted:** \_\_\_x\_\_\_ **Date:** 4/21/2020

**Actions Approved:**

1. \_\_\_(brief description)\_\_\_ **Approved** \_\_\_x\_\_\_ **Denied** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 4/21/2020-

Reason Denied:

2. \_\_\_(brief description)\_\_\_ **Approved** \_\_\_\_\_ **Denied** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Reason Denied:

3. \_\_\_(brief description)\_\_\_ **Approved** \_\_\_\_\_ **Denied** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Reason Denied:

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- People: Recruitment, Retention, Engagement Completion
- Purpose: Student Learning and Growth
- Place: Community Engagement