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College Senate 2020

Zoom Meeting Agenda

April 10, 2020 ZOOM PLATFORM at 3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

- Senate Chair, Joe Marren

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Presentation of Minutes

- Minutes of 3/13/20

4. Remarks of the President

- Campus-wide updates.

5. Remarks of the Chair

6. Standing Committee Reports

- **(BYLE) By-Laws & Elections Committee** – Julian Cole, Chair
 - Reminder- Upcoming Spring Elections
 - Nomination period begins April 13th-17th.
 - Vote on College Faculty By-Laws.
- **(CSCC) College Senate Curriculum Committee** – Bhakti Sharma, Chair
 - Presenting for VOTE resolution on revised DOPS Internship Policy
 - Presenting for VOTE resolution to revise DOPS IF Policy.
- **(I&R) Instruction & Research** – Kimberly Kline, Chair
 - Presenting for VOTE: Supplemental Policy on Scholarship, Encouraging Applied Research and Teaching
 - Presenting for VOTE: DOPS Grading Policy addition. Currently includes Graduate grading language, this would add Undergraduate grading language to the policy.
- **(S4S) Standards for Students Committee** – Meg Knowles, Chair
 - Introducing and Voting on Leave of Absence revised DOPS Policy

- **(SWC) Student Welfare Committee** – Matthew Burch, Chair and Steve Macho, Vice Chair
 - Discussion on the UFS Memorandum Excused Leave of Absence Mandatory for Active Duty Military

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

10. Constituent Questions (Responses are on separate document)

- Three (3) CQs Sent in advance for the Administration to address at the April 10th Senate meeting:
Are department chairs and department administrative assistants considered "essential employees" who must report to campus to work during the coronavirus crisis? Some administrative assistants must stay home to care for children while schools are home, and some department chairs fall into the "high risk" age category that has been advised by the Centers for Disease Control to stay at home. Yet if they received the "Essential Service Letter" from the administration are they required to go to campus if they have already been running their departments from their home?
 - The question I guess would be - whose idea was it to micromanage faculty's re-design of courses? In addition, whose idea was is to require chairs of the departments to check all faculty members' syllabi prior to our courses going 100% on-line to make sure we are all "following the rules"? People are feeling insulted for the appearance of a greater concern to make sure faculty are not just sitting at home rather than everyone's safety and well-being. In a time of great stress and anxiety the last thing anyone needs is to be micro-managed.
 - Is there any chance that we can get some assurance from the President or Provost that the work on the consolidation of schools will be suspended for the duration and the deadline for completion will be pushed back indefinitely? Also, I'd like to hear that hear that no plans for any academic restructuring will take place during this crisis. This doesn't seem like the best time for a radical makeover.
- FYI-Constituent Questions are taken live at each Senate meeting, where in person or virtual.

11. Adjournment