



Faculty Senate Meeting Notes
April 22, 2020

I. Call to order

Larry Smith called to order the regular meeting of the Snow College Faculty Senate at 3:30 p.m. on April 22, 2020. The Senate met via Zoom video conference.

II. Roll Call

The following persons were present: Jonathan Bodrero, Erick Faatz, Matthew Gowans, Larry Smith, Milinda Weeks, Nick Marsing, Weston Jamison, Jacob Thomas, Renee Faatz, Jay Olsen, Adam Burningham, Steve Hood, Melanie Jenkins

III. Opening and Informational Items

A. Welcome from Larry.

B. The Sabbatical Policy and the Intellectual Property are available for 30-day review through May 2, 2020. Send comments to Larry Smith.

C. Larry has written letters of thanks to the three departing senators: Jonathan, Milinda, and Chad. Thanks for your service as senators.

D. Chad Price was elected and will serve out the one year remaining in the College Council term for Nate Caplin. An election will be held spring 2021 for a full-term position.

E. Let Erick know if there are any mistakes on the Senate roster for 2020-2021. The new roster will be posted on the Senate web site and committee assignments will be determined early fall semester.

F. The next regular meeting will be 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 9, 2020 unless circumstances indicate that the Senate should meet Wednesday, August 26, 2020.

G. The Professional-Track Rank-Advancement Policy will go the College Council for review and possible 30-day review May 2020. Steve is collecting input from Bob Gary and a few others, but no more Senate review is planned.

IV. Minutes from April 8, 2020 approved with minor changes: motion made by Wes, second by Jonathan, and unanimous vote of approval.

V. Good News/SEM

A. All are doing their best with the Covid-19 situation.

VI. Committee Reports

A. A & T Committee: Matt reported that everything is going well. Steve Zollinger has been selected as the committee chair for the 2020-2021 academic year.

B. Curriculum Committee: No report.

C. Faculty Development Committee: Jacob indicated nothing to report.

D. Professional Track Committee: Chad reported that they have not met. There is no more information about the professional track document. Larry asked if the Senate needs to be involved directly in the continuing review process? If ready, the document would have at least a thirty-day review through the College Council process. It was recommended that Steve talk with Bob Gary about some verbiage issues in the document. Steve might be able to meet with him in Richfield tomorrow.

E. Global Engagement Committee: Wes reported that they are having trouble meeting. The Michigan State BYU partnership session is on hold and may not happen next year. Alex and Wes are discussing the possibility of attending a retreat in Montana this summer. Jacob and Melanie mentioned that international visas are being suspended, so no new students will come for summer and it is unclear about fall semester. Recruiters have not been able to travel. It is a very difficult time for international studies programs.

F. Honors Committee: Jonathan mentioned that the committee is reviewing applications for the program. They are working to prepare the new committee chairs Jacob Thomas and Kellyanne Ure.

G. Library Committee: Milinda said that they have not met but the library is carrying on.

H. Service Learning Committee: Nick mentioned that all is going well. They are reviewing projects as best they can.

I. Teaching and Technology Committee: Jay reported that they met yesterday and mostly focused on reviewing the faculty training system. Certificates for various levels of proficiency are available. The committee might meet in the summer to award certificates.

J. Faculty Association: Renee indicated no report.

K. Adjunct Information: Adam indicated nothing new to report.

L. Student Information: No report.

M. Ad Hoc/Other:

1. Milinda reported that the Budget Committee is meeting at a distance and carrying on as usual. They are reviewing budget proposals received via email message.
2. Jacob reported that the Strategic Planning Task Force will have their final meeting next week meeting their one-semester completion goal. He has learned a lot through the experience. The Task Force is outlining general principles and other will follow up on the details. Enhanced compensation for faculty and staff is one important item that is in the plan.

VII. Senate Business

A. Senate President and Vice President Election Process

1. Erick reported that Larry and Matt were nominated, but that due to other significant commitments Matt declined the nomination to run for Senate president. He did agree to serve as vice president if that is acceptable to the Senate.

2. Following a discussion of the situation, a motion was made by Jonathan with a second by Jay for a vote of acclamation for Larry to serve as president and Matt to serve as vice president for the 2020-2021 academic year. Unanimous vote of approval.

B. Private Faculty Office Space on the Richfield Campus Discussion

1. Janalee Jeffery had approached Larry about the issue of full-time faculty members working on the campus in Richfield having cubicles with walls not running to the ceiling. To meet privately with students, faculty members have to walk down the hall to two shared offices.
2. The Senate will continue to monitor the situation going forward.

C. Senate Bylaws Review

1. Quite a few changes have been proposed. See the color-coded draft attached to the email message with the agenda. Larry turned the discussion over to Erick who has been in charge of drafting recommended changes.
2. Erick explained that page 6 of the document has the key for color coding. Section 4.6.1 contains guidelines for amendments to the Senate bylaws. The Senate can approve all amendments or only some. There are three main areas of proposed amendments. There will be an online vote

after Erick has made recommended changes. (Chad Price made a motion; Renee Faatz seconded the motion and Senate bylaws amendments were approved by a unanimous email vote May 6, 2020.)

D. Freedom of Speech

1. Jacob explained that there is already Policy 125 pertaining to students. The Senate may revisit this later.
2. Milinda made a motion, and Jay seconded the motion to accept the Free Speech Resolution and post it on the Senate web site with a unanimous vote of approval.

E. Senate Administrative Role

1. Snow College is required to submit an administrative chart to the Board of Regents on a regular basis according to R 220.
2. R 223 includes a list of Snow College administrative organizations including the Faculty Senate which is submitted every three years. (Steve Hood sent a copy of this to Erick for the Senate record.)

F. Committee Sponsorship

1. The ITAC Committee is on hold right now. Carson Howell is looking into possible affiliations.
2. The Sustainability Committee has been looking for a home for many years and has a history of powerlessness. Renee will look into the history of the committee and sponsorship will be revisited fall 2020.

G. Current Adjunct Representative

1. Wes made a motion and Jonathan seconded the motion that Adam Burningham continue as adjunct representative to the Faculty Senate through Fall Semester 2020 with a unanimous vote of approval.

Adjournment

Larry adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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Notes submitted by Erick Faatz

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