

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2023
4:00 - 5:00 PM

1. Introductions (10 minutes)

- a. Welcome to all - Interim Chancellor Dr. Dolores Duran-Cerda
- b. Welcome from the Acting Provost: Dr. Jeff Theis - The Acting Dean of College Readiness and Student Success position will open this fall. Vice President of Academic Affairs will also be filled soon to replace Lamata Mitchell.
- c. Welcome and introductions - Rita Lennon
 - i. Introduced all Faculty Senate Officers
 - ii. Introduced new and current Faculty Senators
 - iii. Faculty Senate meetings are regularly scheduled the first Friday of every month.

2. Review of May Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes requested. (1 minute)

- a. [May Minutes](#)

3. Business (30 minutes)

- a. The Faculty Senate met quorum and approved May Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes by chat box vote.
- b. Rita Lennon asked Senators for their opinions as to whether Faculty Senate meetings should go back to in person.
 - i. Many Senators responded in the chat box - virtual preferred
 - ii. Many also requested a hybrid so the option is given.
 - iii. Decision was made for Fall Semester meetings to stay virtual but Spring Semester would consist of one in-person with a virtual component.

4. Open Forum:

- a. Rita mentioned that the tone set at AllCollege Day was quite different from previous years.
- b. Molly Minke asked for a timeline to seek out the permanent Chancellor.
 - i. Dr. Duran-Cerda answered that it could be 6-9 months or longer.
 - ii. Morgan Phillips mentioned that other searches like this have taken a year or more.
- c. Tal Sutton asked if the Faculty Senate Officers had sent what the faculty is looking for in a new Chancellor?
 - i. Rita said that we can share our opinions but that we may need to compromise.
- d. Denise Reilly mentioned that she thought a member of faculty should be included in the planning of All College Day next year. Rita responded that All College Day has typically been planned by the Chancellor's office and All Faculty Day is planned by faculty so this may be why faculty are not included at this time.
- e. Rita Lennon read a message from the chat box concerning the use of water bottles and balloons at All College Day in regard to our sustainability goals.
- f. Tiffany Amorette mentioned that sustainability is an important topic of focus this year and we need to think globally and act locally.

- g. Virtual participation was limited to no comments this year. It is requested that commenting ability be brought back.
- h. Kate Schmidt stated that Dr. Duran-Cerda would ensure an All College Day survey be sent out.
- i. Maggie Golston stated she is not sure that having a consultant group search for our next Chancellor is the best way to approach this search.
- j. Makyla Hays mentioned that the Board of Governors approved Dr. Dolores Duran-Cerda as our Interim Chancellor to cut out one consulting firm to find an Acting Chancellor.
- k. Kelly O'Keefe mentioned that with a Culture of Caring message from our Interim Chancellor, Online Instructors need to make extended efforts to show we are here for the online students and that we care for them as well.
- l. Denise Reilly mentioned her gratitude for Dr. Jeff Thies' message this morning to "limit the new".

5. Adjournment

- i. Motion: Moved by Tal Sutton and seconded by Sean Mendoza. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

7. Minutes submitted by: Kelly H. O'Keefe