

## **Faculty Senate Meeting March 18, 2022, Reynolds 222**

**Attendees:** Sudeepa Bhattacharyya, Donna Caldwell, Jessica Camp, Hrishikesh Desai, Joanna Grymes, Matt Harmon, John Hershberger, Katie Hill, Gabriel Horowitz, Natalie Johnson-Leslie, Cheryl Knight, Suzanne Melescue, Pradeep Mishra, Amanda Mohler, Carlitta Moore, Tim Oliver, Jake Qualls, Robert Robinette, Day Day Robinson, Ed Salo, Richard Segall, Marcus Tribbett,

**Proxy Attendees:** Ben Poku for Amy Hyman, Natalie Johnson Leslie for Annette Hux

**Absentees:** Scott Anderson, Kris Biondolillo Than Boves, Bert Greenwalt, Shivan Haran, William Maynard, Nikesha Nesbitt, William Rowe, Amany Saleh, Eric Scudamore, Bill Stroud, Rollin Tusalem, LTC. Morgan Weatherly

**Meeting Called to Order:** Donna Caldwell established a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by Donna Caldwell

**Order of the Day:** Motion to accept made by Jessica Camp, Tim Oliver seconded, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes** motion made to approve March 4, 2022 minutes by Jessica Camp, Tim Oliver seconded, motion carried.

### **Guest Speaker:**

Dr. Will McLean- Academic Affairs Update: Faculty relations liaison – wants to know faculty needs and faculty information (perspective). One goal is to draw faculty into discussions. Realizes on part of the problem is mistrust between faculty and administration- hope to have open and honest discussions. Another goal is to decentralize some processes. Third goal is to recruit and retain quality faculty. Questions that need to be addressed: How do we capitalize on the R2 status – how do we use it grow. How do we grow new programs and not overlook those that already exists. How do we balance the demands of faculty? What are the challenges faculty face, what is behind these challenges? Questions can be answered by asking faculty what they need. Quality of Life Survey. Start with the things that require no resources- reimaging the fall faculty conference. Integrate college processes – for example PRT and merit. Question posed: What type of decisions will now be with chairs/deans instead of administration? Answer provided: for example course releases that best serve the department.

### **Old Business:**

*Committee Reports:* N/A

*Faculty Handbook Updates:* Suzanne Melescue - Section 2 on academic policy almost complete. Section 3 discussions have begun no quorum on 3/17/22 so could not vote

*Constitution and Bylaws:* Donna Caldwell recognized Dr. Ronald Sitton – he quoted from the FOIA. The faculty has been heard and vote will be extended until 11:59 pm on March 30. Also concern that vote is not secure – it will be fixed and resent on 3/28/22 at 8 am. Notification will

also be posted in the A-State Digest. Motion to accept this plan made by Jessica Camp, seconded by Katie Hill. Vote: 17 in favor 1 opposed, and 1 abstention. Motion passed.

**New Business:** N/A

**Other Business:**

*Open Forum:* N/A

Donna Caldwell adjourned the meeting at 3:55 pm