

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

Members Present: Lara Jones, Edward Golenberg, Zachary Brewster, Victor Figueroa, Aaron Retish, Lori Pile, Karen Marrero, Leisa Kauffmann, Charles Parrish, Smiti Gupta, Christopher Trentacosta, Yuson Jung, Clayton Walker, Jeff Grynawiski, Eric Kessell

Attending: Stephanie Hartwell, Caroline Brzuchowski, Ratna Naik, Ken Jackson, Claudio Verani, Paul Clemens, Heather Dillaway

Absent with Notice: Fatih Celiker, Thomas Killion, Lisa Ze Winters

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 9:00.

The minutes of the May 07, 2020 meeting were approved.
Smiti Gupta volunteered to serve as the new Faculty Council secretary. Her self-nomination was approved.

Heather Dillaway asked for nominees for the curriculum committee. Jeff Grynawiski, Zachary Brewster, Edward Golenberg, Lara Jones, and Victor Figueroa all agreed to serve, and council approved having five members on the committee rather than the usual four.

Stephanie Hartwell spoke of her recent town hall with CLAS students.

Ken Jackson led a discussion of college and university enrollment, prompting a larger discussion of the budget situation.

Charles Parrish noted that, according to a union analysis, the university has \$184 million in reserves. He asked the dean what constituted the college's 5% budget cut. Hartwell said CLAS cut vacant lines and staffing at all levels and will be going from four Associate Deans to three in December.

Lori Pile, Aaron Retish, and Clay Walker, along with Dean Hartwell, spoke of the work of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committees both within the college and across campus.

Heather Dillaway announced that most Winter 2021 courses will be online.

Ratna Naik spoke of the Article XXX committees and the CLAS Teaching Award nominations.

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Ken Jackson noted that MA/MS enrollment declined 6% in CLAS and that PhD enrollment held relatively stable.

Claudio Verani spoke of his meeting with Rob Thompson, Interim Director of C&IT. Verani noted that President Wilson wants all of campus IT under one roof and said there will be continued discussion of the potential impact of this on CLAS.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10.