

FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

May 12, 2020

3:00 PM – ZOOM:

Speaker: Matt Fajack, VP of Financial Affairs

Roll Call and Quorum Check - (*Barb Dahlbach*)

Approval/Corrections to the Minutes for April 14th – (*Barb Dahlbach*)

President's Report – (*Rona Donahoe*)

- 2019-2020 Committee year-end reports still needed:
 - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
 - Faculty & Senate Governance
 - IT and Strategic Communications
 - Research & Service
 - Student Life
- United Workers of Alabama Letter and Concerned Students Petition
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfruGGrUO82HklW1igAk2ZC0oL1JCHqmQZfvz1MhJnL_wk1A/viewform
- 2020 Community Engagement Awards
- Provost Search Update
- COVID-19
 - Reaction to ORED announcement for resumption of research activities.
 - Decision will be made about second summer term course format by 5/31.
- Title IX – Significant changes to enforcement of sexual harassment and assault allegations: <https://www.chronicle.com/article/What-Colleges-Need-to-Know/248717>
- University Standing Committees
 - Reorganization of Committees
 - Removal of University Textbook and Research Advisory Committees
 - Renaming of Committee on Rhodes, Truman, Fulbright & Marshall Scholarships
- Presidential Advisory Committee to Support Campus Diversity Goals

Vice President's Report – (*Chapman Greer*)

- GET Update

Secretary's Report – (*Barb Dahlbach*) – No Report

Senate Committee Reports:

- **Academic Affairs – (*John Vincent & Andre Denham*)**
 - Academic Subcommittee report, Presidential Advisory Committee for Resumption of Normal Operations
- **Community & Legislative Affairs – (*Joy Burnham & Steven Yates*)**
 - 2020 Census Reminder
 - May 5th BPCC Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Faculty Senate members,

Thank you so much for providing lunch for the staff of Brewer-Porch Children's Center. As you may know, we serve youth with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders, and many of them live on our campus. This work is very rewarding, even while COVID-19 has presented a new and evolving set of challenges. Our team members, and particularly those who work directly with the children, have been wonderful in adapting to any changes that we have had to make while still providing our residents with the best possible care. Mental health is an essential need, particularly in these uncertain times, and we are grateful for your recognition of the efforts of our dedicated employees. I cannot thank you enough for helping show our appreciation for all of our team members' hard work and dedication to BPCC. This was a much needed pick-me-up for our staff and everyone enjoyed the terrific food from Taco Mama on Cinco de Mayo!



- **Financial Affairs** – (*Mary Stone & Rainer Schad*)
 - Discussion of ways the Committee can assist with financial decisions.
- **IT & Strategic Communications** – (*Matthew Hudnall & Patrick Kung*)
 - Working with OIT to expand use of Qualtrics.
- **Research & Service** – (*Ajay Agrawal & Kelly Shannon-Henderson*)
 - Clarification of 403b match suspension FAQ
- **Student Life** – (*Jennifer Dempsey & Suzanne Henson*)
 - The outgoing and incoming chairs met with Dr. Myron Pope last week to discuss updates and transition.
 - Things discussed:
 - Set up a monthly meeting
 - Pending issues/opportunities: Student safety, mental issues, COVID awareness/adjustments, financial issues, update on Greek system, graduate student services
- **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion** – (*Mirit Eyal-Cohen & Ignacio Rodeno*) – No Report
- **Faculty Life** – (*Susan Appel & Christopher Lynn*) – No Report
- **Faculty & Senate Governance** – (*Ibrahim Çemen & Jeri Zemke*) – No Report

Reports from Other Committees

- **Campus Culture Taskforce Update - (*Barb Dahlbach*)**

Old Business

New Business

Reminders

- **Next meeting: June 9th (ZOOM)**