

**Faculty Senate Steering Committee called meeting.  
Via ZOOM  
6-17-20**

**ATTENDING:** Barb Dahlbach, Rona Donahoe, Chapman Greer, Andre Denham, Rainer Schad, Mary Stone, Matthew Hudnall, Patrick Kung, Ajay Agrawal, Kelly Shannon-Henderson, Jennifer Dempsey, Suzanne Henson, Joy Burnham, Steven Yates, Ignacio Rodeno, Susan Appel, Christopher Lynn, Ibrahim Çemen, Jeri Zemke, Parliamentarian Rob Riter, Past President Donna Meester

**ABSENT:** John Vincent, Mirit Eyal-Cohen,

Roll call and quorum check by Faculty Senate Secretary Barb Dahlbach.  
Ruth Ann Hall is co-chair of the Faculty Senate Student Life Committee replacing Susan Henson.

President Donahoe mentioned the social media postings published in the Crimson White. The Emeritus policy has not been reviewed by the Council of Deans and was not posted on the Provost's web page. The Council of Deans has now reviewed the policy and made changes including allowing emeritus status for the positions of President, Provost and Deans. This would be with proclamation, application and affirmation by the Board of Trustees. The question was would be this be administrative or academic and would the vote be from departments or campus-wide. Other questions were: are software privileges included, how long has the policy been in place, how far back to go, how many have emeritus status, and is everyone aware of the policy. The policy will be revisited after obtaining answers to those questions.

The Professional Staff letter addressed to the Chancellor and President Bell was presented for consideration of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee. The PSA requested endorsement from the committee. The letter is parallel to the Faculty Senate statement sent to administration a few weeks ago. The suggestion was to request the PSA cite the Faculty Senate statement in their letter.

A petition was presented from the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee addressing return to campus conditions. There is conflicting and confusing information concerning the following issues: faculty or family members with underlying conditions, options concerning teaching online or face-to-face, workable distancing in the classroom, distancing and/or mask, sick/annual/vacation leave for ill faculty and compensation for faculty filling in for sick faculty members. The Steering Committee voted to revise the statement to accommodate the raised issues and resubmit to the Steering Committee.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 P.M.

Meeting with the Provost Thursday, June 25, 2020.

Next Steering Committee meeting July 14,2020.