



FACULTY SENATE
Wednesday, September 4, 2019
3:20pm – 4:50pm
Tivoli 320 A, B & C

AGENDA

- I.** Guests of the Senate (40 minutes)
 - A.) Dr. Shannon Campbell, AVP Graduate Studies, and Dr. Tammi Vacha-Hasse, dean of the Graduate College at Boise State University and President of the Western Association of Graduate Schools
 - B.) Dr. Siva Santhanam, ISAAC Program
- II.** Approval of Minutes: 08/21/2019, please see document: “Faculty Senate Minutes 2019.08.21” (5 minutes) **VOTE**
- III.** Announcements (10 minutes)
 - A.) Call for Learning Management System (Blackboard) RFP Chair
- IV.** Committee Updates (10 minutes)
- V.** Proposed Bylaws Update, second reading and **VOTE**, please see document “Proposed Bylaws change for FS Rep on Grad Council,” Secretary Carnes (10 minutes)

MINUTES

to be approved 09/18/2019

Attendees: Ahrendt, Avery, Bagwell, Balogh, Bernhardt, Bissell, Borego, Bouwmeester, Brower, Cachanosky, Carnes, Cho, Colton, Conroy, Davie, Decker, Dickerson, JDrake, MDrake, CErickson, Evans, Fayman, Ferrell, Flores, Flynn, Foote, Fry, Goodnick, Halley, Helton, Hernandez, Hill, Huang, Hughes, Jacobs, Jeffers, Jia, Katz, Kendall, Kiss, Komodore, Krizman, Lechuga, London, Macy, Maestrestrejuan, Makley, Martin, McGuire, McVicker, Meloche, Melvin, Mollenhauer, Monsour, Morgan, Mota, Murphy, Nemec, Niemeyer, Ondracek-Peterson, Ortiz, Pantos, Perez-Gomez, Pink, Poole, Richard, Russell, Russo Garrido, Schaeffer Fry, Schelble, Schendel, Schmidt, Schuenemann, Shapland, Sidelko, Simmonds, Sinley, Spitler, Surman, Suter, Svonkin, Thangasamy, Thompson, Weiden, Weiss, Welch, Wilcox, Williams, Wright

Guests: VGolich, CHagan, EParmelee, CPhare WSimpkins, NWright

I. Guests of the Senate (40 minutes)

A.) Dr. Tammi Vacha-Hasse, dean of the Graduate College at Boise State University and President of the Western Association of Graduate Schools

Mr. Nate Wright, Graduate Admissions & Recruitment Coordinator, introduced Dr. Vacha-Hasse. Dr. Vacha-Hasse has been brought on as a consultant this semester to help Graduate Studies with overhauling the graduate catalog, and creating a graduate handbook. She pressed the importance of moving graduate education forward while remaining loyal to undergraduate education. Increasing graduate presence and culture on campus will let undergraduate students know that there are master's programs available to them, if and when they are ready to move forward. She acknowledged that the graduate catalog travels through a number of approving bodies, and therefore needs to be nimble and lean; if an item isn't needed, it should be left out.

B.) Dr. Siva Santhanam, ISAAC Program

Dr. Santhanam, Assistant Professor in the Department of Speech Language and Hearing Sciences, introduced the Integrated Support for Students with Autism spectrum disorders in College (ISAAC) Program, developed to help support MSU Denver students with autism. She shared that there are only 30 programs in the US that specialize in autism education; MSU Denver is the first in Colorado. Currently, 14 students have joined the program. Additionally, Dr. Santhanam is leading a Faculty Learning Community on Supporting Learning in Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders; 17 faculty have expressed interest in participating. Dr. Santhanam asked Senators to share this information with her departments and to reach out for more information.

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YES - 73

NO - 2

Abstain - 5

III. Announcements (10 minutes)

A.) Call for Learning Management System (Blackboard) RFP Chair

Senator Cynthia Erickson, Psychological Sciences, volunteered

IV. Committee Updates (10 minutes)

- A.) Senator Jacobs, caucus chair for Physical Sciences, took the floor to solicit representation for the Instructional Resources, Rules, and Student Affairs Committees.
- B.) Senator Balogh, caucus chair for the College of Professional Studies, shared all CPS seats have been filled.
- C.) Senator Lechuga, caucus chair for Social Sciences, announced that there are still openings on the Curriculum, Instructional Resources, Multicultural Curriculum Review and Rules committees, and will be sending an email to her caucus to solicit representation.
- D.) Senator Suter, caucus chair for Arts and Humanities, shared that the General Studies Committee seat has been filled, and thanked Senator Welch for joining two committees.
- E.) President Campbell encouraged senators to serve on committees, and solicited at-large senators for the General Studies and the Budget committees. There were no volunteers.

V. Proposed Bylaws Update, second reading and **VOTE, please see document “Proposed Bylaws change for FS Rep on Grad Council,” Secretary Carnes (10 minutes)**

YES - 70

NO - 4

Abstain – 7

VI. Motion to adjourn – 4:01 p.m.