

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of the Faculty Senate
Academic Policy Committee

August 24, 2021 Minutes

Attendance: Lisa Bass-Freeman (co-chair), Paul Williams (co-chair), Robert Riehn, Intae Yoon, Ken Zagacki, Jonathan Duggins, Michael Reiskind, Christopher DePerno, Greg Tourino and Tushar Ghosh

Guest: Rajade Berry-James, Chair of the Faculty

The Academic Policy Committee (APC) of the Faculty Senate discussed the following:

- I. Chair Berry-James attended and gave the committee information about the IOCs the Senate has so far received. There are currently nine issues submitted and seven of those issues pertain to Covid 19. With Wake County being a high transmission region, close monitoring of the campus situation is required. We were informed that no decision has been reached on whether the University will be able to require vaccinations. Any such requirement is a decision at the state level by the Public Health Commission, which is unlikely. The University contact tracing program is still operating. Committee members brought up the issue of identifying classrooms whose sizes are suitable to the number of students in the class. There are in-person classes now being taught in which every seat is occupied so social distancing is not possible. It was suggested that we invite someone from facilities to discuss this issue.

The Committee next discussed a resolution proposed by Senator Robinson to the effect that instructors have more discretion in selecting the mode of instruction appropriate to minimizing the Covid risk to themselves and their students when mandated to teach in-person classes. The Committee decided to put Senator Robinson's resolution into proper form and forward it to the Executive Committee for consideration by the Senate.

The last issue the Committee discussed was an issue raised by a CHASS faculty member about the new policy on classroom capture. The University adopted a new platform for classroom capture called Panopto. A policy that all classroom activity be captured on video has also been implemented. In the past, the default on classroom capture was not to video the class; faculty were required to "opt in." With the new platform faculty must "opt out" of having their classroom activity videoed. The Committee decided that we should return to an opt in policy and a resolution to that effect will be drafted.

- II. Old Business
None
- III. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 4:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Williams
Co-chair Academic Policy Committee