

Governance, Communications and Recruitment (GoCore) -- **DRAFT**

Committee Meeting of Faculty Senate

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

3:00 PM-4:30PM

Attendees: Barbara Kirby (Co-Chair), Burak Erdim, Megan Jacob (Co-Chair), Andrey Kuznetsov, Kimberly Ange-van Heugten, Matt Stallmann, Marko Hakovirta, Meagan Kittle Autry, Joan Nicholas-Walker, Tamah Morant

Absent: None

Agenda Items

1. Faculty Senate Meeting Format and Structure.
 - a. The committee discussed the climate and tone of Faculty Senate meetings as compared to a few of the more hostile meetings that were held in the fall. The webinar format provides an opportunity for panelists (Senators and presenters to speak and use the chat. Attendees register and are able to post their questions and comments in the Q&A. The committee concluded that the chat and Q&A postings were more constructive and productive during the latter part of fall and so far, this spring. Discussion on improved efficiency of faculty senate meetings over the past few months and convenience and accessibility of virtual meeting. Structure is seen as fair with Senators as panelists in chat and other attendees as a Q&A.
 - b. There still is some concern for the tone and intent of a few unprofessional posts. The committee reviewed the Genetic Engineering and Society Center handout "Statement on Productive, Inclusive, and Ethical Communications." A statement from GES provided as an example was discussed and thought by the committee to be excessive and could indeed dissuade participation which would be antithetical to the goal of FS.
 - c. **They did recommend that the Chair remind the attendees and senators of the importance of respectful discussion and the basic structure at the start of each meeting. The committee is also drafting a brief document of expectations for a productive and professional climate during the meetings.**
 - d. **The committee recommended stopping the anonymous option for chatting in the spirit of respectful and responsible interactions.**
2. General Faculty Senate Elections.
 - a. Co-Chair Kirby provided an update on the general election timeline and process as described through the executive committee.
 - b. Meagan Autry-Kittle shared the 2020-2021 recruitment document "The Faculty Senate needs You! The document was shared through the Provost Newsletter. The deadline for the Provost Newsletter is

approaching. The announcement has to be short and includes a link to this Google document. Meagan and the committee made a few edits. Senator Kirby will take it to the Executive committee for review and final edits.

3. New Faculty Senate Orientation

- a. Progress is slow on developing this module for newly elected senators and other senators who want to learn about the Senate. We are still waiting on short MP4 recordings from Hans Kellner, History of the Senate and Carolyn Bird, Shared Governance.