

## Faculty Senate meeting

18 March 2022

Senators in Attendance: Rex Strange, Kimberly Delaney, Brandon Field, Stephanie Young, Charles Conaway, Michael Strezewski, Jessica Mason, Marilyn Ostendorf, Mary Doerner, Laura Bernhardt, Matthew Hanka, Jason Fertig, Shannon Pritchard.

Other Attendees: Mohammed Khayum, Shelly Blunt, Shelby Clark, Alisa Holen, Kent Scheller, Peter Whiting.

- Held via Zoom meeting, called to order 2:34 pm.
- Approval of old minutes, 25 February 2022:
  - Minutes approved unanimously. Chair noted they were recorded perfectly.
- Chair's Report: Rex
  - Rex got a message from Rhonda Woosley: she wants to know if we are interested in having a Communication Table on the Quad for the Unsung Eagle Day. It wasn't immediately clear what that would entail; he will inquire.
  - Senate had asked Rex to speak with the University Administration about having a Town Hall meeting. The Chair noted that Faculty Senate has developed a reputation for not being nice to people visiting, whether that be administrators or consultants, so instead of being able to speak openly, we are being asked to submit questions for their consideration, and that the interaction would be moderated. Rex suggested that we not ask questions like the D-1 decision and instead focus on things related to, e.g., the Strategic Plan. We should collect the questions from our constituents and email the questions to Rex and Kim. The meeting will probably not be on Zoom; Rex feels that faculty act immature in the comments and in conversation when on Zoom. The forum will probably be mid-to late April.
- Provost's Report from Dr. Khayum
  - Dr. Khayum pointed out that Rex has been serving as Faculty Senate Chair for longer than usual, and when the opportunity came for someone else to take on that responsibility, none of the Senators took on that challenge.
  - In all his time here (since the 1990s), the only opportunities for open interaction with the administration was the budget hearings. The Strategic Plan meetings under Dr. Bennett were some of the earliest opportunities in his experience for faculty to voice their thoughts.
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campus. There are three different topics that came out to move forward related to advising, support for first generation students, and disbursement of scholarship funds. Each of these topics has a champion on campus that will be sent for two weeks to Indianapolis for training on developing efforts following the Six Sigma format related to each of these topics.

- Report from Dr. Blunt:
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- Next meeting: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:30 pm.
- Adjourned at 3:44 pm.

Minutes recorded by Faculty Senate secretary Brandon Field.

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