

MDECOE FACULTY COUNCIL

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

February 7th, 2022

Members in Attendance: Jack Bagwell (ELPS), Sandra B. Chong (EED), Jordan Eickman (DEAF STUDIES), Virginia Kennedy (SPED), Wilda Laija-Rodriguez (EPC), David Moguel (SED), Mira Pak (PRESIDENT), Shari Tarver-Behring (DEAN, Ex-Officio), Ivor Weiner (SPED, Past President)

Action Item: Approve Minutes from 11-1-21 and 12-6-2021

- Virginia Kennedy moved & Wilda Liaja-Rodriguez seconded for approval of the minutes (unanimous)

Department Discussions of CPC

- Much discussion ensued around the following suggested options: 1) hold all-college elections as-is, but determine term limits; 2) hold all-college elections as-is, but have folks vote for one person per department; or 3) vote for as many as you want and the top X serve on the CPC, then it was decided that members consult with the respective department faculty how they feel about the following idea and bring dept suggestions/comments back to the 2/21 FC meeting:
 - **ACTION:** Mira asked the FC members to seek department faculty input on forming DPC at its August retreat, and then forward names of all eligible faculty not serving on the DPC to the Dean's Office to be included in the CPC ballot.

Final Review of the Compiled List for Social Justice Focus

- Much discussion ensued based on the two documents Mira sent out before the FC Meeting—1) All College Social Justice Notes and 2) All College Return to Campus Notes. Discussions focused around the content of the documents, long- and short-term goals, and possible next manageable steps. Shari noted that the BIG question on all documents was how the COE defines “SOCIAL JUSTICE and EQUITY” and what the college's stance was on this.
 - **ACTION:**
 - 1) Mira asked FC members to take the two documents back to departments for its review, and ask faculty to identify short- (2-3 years) and long-term (5+ years) goals which the COE can work on, and also check for any missing ideas brainstormed in the breakout groups, and if yes, add those to the list; and
 - 2) Subsequently, Mira will send out an all call for volunteers to serve on the sub-committee to work on moving these short- and long-term goals forward; Concomitantly, Mira will also seek faculty experts' input on Social Justice theorists/definitions.

[Shari noted that the CTEP--a 2-year grant--is in line with COE's social justice initiatives, and there may be other funding sources to continue to support CTEP activities beyond the funding years.]

Campus Repopulation

- Shari noted that some good suggestions were included in the list (document), but most were conjectures, and most items regarding return to campus are moving targets. She will review

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the list and note those policies/decisions already in place. Next Provost Council will meet on March 10, and she will have a better sense of how “return to campus” is working out.

- Shari suggested faculty refer back to the “Dean’s Message” sent out on 2/7 for more details and specifics, but department chairs will also be sharing out much more detailed information to respective department faculty. She also noted that policies/rules are changing rapidly as we return to campus and maybe we think of this semester as a “pilot” semester and closely examine best approaches as we move forward. She noted the importance of “flexibility” on how we teach within guidelines this semester (e.g., hybrid, hyflex, in-person, etc.).

Spring 2022 All-College Meeting Planning

- Proposed Date: Thursday, March 10th
- Possible Agenda Items:
 - QUICK TEMPERATURE – poll everyone to take a quick temperature of everyone at the COE meeting (1 minute using WORD CLOUD, water fall, etc.)
 - EFAC Survey Report followed by group discussions focused on WHAT’s working and WHAT challenges encountered returning to campus since 2/14
 - Updates from CTEP - Maybe Julie can share out.

Dean’s Report: In addition to the updates shared above,

- Valentine’s Welcome bags will be made available on Monday, 2/14.
- College is working on staff in-person schedule and office coverage.
- Medical grade masks and boosters required for faculty/staff.
- Investiture of the President will take place LIVE and ONLINE (Monday, March 14, 2022) at the Younes & Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts.
- Shari shared about numerous grants received:
 - Strength United, e.g., \$ mil appropriation from Sherman to help children with socio-emotional issues and educational loss; \$150K from Fedco, etc.
 - If you are funded by private foundations, Advancement will match up to \$250K; Advancement will also match Scholarship funds.
- Currently, COE has 5 ongoing searches; 14 more interviews go to go
- College enrollment continues to be at or above target; Shari thanked everyone.

Respectfully submitted by S. Chong