**MINUTES**

**October 2, 2019 – 12:00-1:20pm – SCP 117**

**In attendance:** Abourahma, Adler, Becker, Bender, Borders, Bowen, Bruno, Bush, Curtis, Dahling, Dempf, Dickinson, Fienberg, Gevertz, Grega, Haikes, Knox, Lasher, Leonard, Lovett, Meixner, Morin, Norvell, Prensky, Salgian, Schwarz, Singer, Sorokina, Steele, Tang, Toloudis, Tucci.

**Excused:** Baker, Bechtel, Bellino, Boero, Brennan, Burroughs, Fazio, Warner-Ault.  
**Absent:** Bwire, Li.

**Active Shooter Training (Timothy Grant and William Straniero**

* Chief of Police Timothy Grant and Assistant Director William Straniero spoke about their on-campus active shooter training program.
* They have been running these trainings for new hires and other groups for the last year. The training takes about 1 hour and is a PowerPoint presentation and videos. If any group on campus wishes to have a training, please contact [tgrant@tcnj.edu](mailto:tgrant@tcnj.edu) or [straniew@tcnj.edu](mailto:straniew@tcnj.edu).
* They also discussed adding thumb locks inside of classroom and conference room doors in case of emergency situations. This should be completed campus wide soon.

**Minutes**

* The minutes of the September 18, 2019, meeting were approved as submitted.

**Announcements**

* FSP and student housing – as of Fall 2020, freshmen will no longer be housed by FSP. Academic Affairs and Resident Life will put together a task force in the spring to investigate other ways to determine housing.
  + Discussion.
* Freshman and Community Engaged Learning (CEL) – the CEL Council will be starting a new pilot for the CEL requirement beginning in the spring semester. This will take the form of 4 hours in the field and 4 hours in the classroom.
  + Discussion.

**Recommendations of the Appointments Committee**

* The Appointments Committee recommends Lee Ann Riccardi for the 1-year opening on Steering.
  + Approved unanimously.
* There are 3 more seats available on various committees. There will also be an opening on the new Open Source Text Book Task Force. Matt will be sending out an email about these openings.

**Formation of Senate Committees**

* Matt passed around sign-up sheet for the 3 senate committees: Mildred Dahne Committee, Collegiality Committee, and Intellectual Community Committee. Please sign up if you are interested.

**Discussion of the Provost Search**

* Matt reviewed the document that was presented to President Foster when she came to TCNJ and discussed whether the Senate should simply revise the existing document, start over with an entirely new document, or have no document at all.
* Discussion.
* Matt is looking for volunteers to work on the new document, which will use the old one as a starting point. There will also be a Google doc for everyone to add their ideas for this document. Please let Matt know if you are interested in being on the committee.

**Discussion of Key Questions and Issues – Developing Senate Position Documents**

* Matt thanked everyone who commented. He distilled the comments down to 4 main issues:
  + TCNJ’s relationship to Trenton and Ewing.
  + Institutional identity.
  + Curriculum.
  + Ensuring a safe, diverse, inclusive, and just community.
* All of these relate to issues that have been raised for strategic planning and are areas which need a strong faculty voice.
* Discussion.
* The Senate split into groups to discuss these issues.
* Senate reconvened and further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

The next Senate meeting (10/16) will be entirely devoted to a visit by the Liberal Learning Task Force.