**MINUTES**

**April 1, 2020 – 12:00-1:20pm – Held via Zoom**

**In attendance:** Abourahma, Adler, Baker, Bellino, Bender, Boero, Bowen, Bruno, Burroughs, Bush, Bwire, Curtis, Dahling, Dempf, Fazio, Gevertz, Grega, Haikes, Knox, Lasher, Leonard, Li, Lovett, Meixner , Morin, Norvell, O’Connor, Pearlstein, Prensky, Salgian, Schwarz, Steele, Tang, Toloudis, Warner-Ault.

**Excused:** Singer.

**Absent:** Bechtel, Becker, Borders, Fienberg, Singer, Tucci

**Minutes**

* The minutes of the March 4, 2020, meeting were approved as submitted.

**Schedule Adjustments**

* There will be no end-of-semester faculty speaker, although we will have a meeting.
* The Gitenstein-Hart Lecture is supposed to occur at the end of the month. Bill Keep is open to suggestions as to what should happen.

**Announcements**

* We have a new provost – Jeffrey Osborn, currently the dean of the School of Science. Many thanks to Bill Keep for serving as the Interim Provost.
* Faculty Senate Elections – email will go out in the next few days asking for self-nominations. The terms are expiring for the following Senate members: Adler, Baker, Bender, Brennan, Fienberg, Leonard, Meixner, Morin, Schwarz, Sorokina, and Tucci.
* Communication – it is more important than ever to find ways to direct questions and move information around. If there are issues that you feel we need to address, please feel free to bring them to the Senate.

**Q&A with William Keep, Interim Provost and VP of Academic Affairs**

* Bill thanked everyone for their great faculty leadership in this difficult time.
* He reviewed the budget situation and the impacts of the coronavirus. The immediate impact is serious.
* He then answered a number of questions from the senators.

**Reports**

* Steering – Shaun Wiley gave the report for Steering
* AFT – Nancy Lasher gave the report for AFT

Meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm.