**MINUTES**

**October 21, 2020 – 12:00-1:20pm – Held via Zoom**

**In attendance:** Abourahma, Bechtel, Becker, Bellino, Bender, Bennett, Boero, Borders, Bowen, Burroughs, Bush, Bwire, Cathell, Curtis, Dahling, Dempf, Dickinson, Gevertz, Haikes, Haynes, Kim-Bossard, Knox, Lasher, Li (Bruce), Li (Rebecca), Lovett, McBride, McMann, Meixner, O’Connor, Pearlstein, Prensky, Ryan, Salgian, Samanta, Singer, Steele, Tang, Toloudis, Warner-Ault.

**Excused:** Bruno.

**Absent:** Altmiller.

**Minutes**

* The minutes of the October 7, 2020, meeting were approved as submitted.

**Updates**

* Matt discussed the Cabinet extended meetings. The meetings include 2 members each from Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and SGA.
* Spring Readiness Committees – they were initially convened over the summer for the fall semester and have now been reconvened by the president to look at the college’s readiness for the spring semester.
* On Monday the college started a flex instruction pilot program. There are 2 cohorts, which are doing this for 1-2 weeks. Once it’s completed, there will be surveys to look at the advantages and disadvantages of the system.
* We still need 2 volunteers for the Dahne Committee, one each from Engineering and Education. Please let Matt know if you are interested.
* We also need more volunteers for the Collegiality and Intellectual Engagement Committees.

**Proposed Senate Resolution on Observance of Election Week**

* Matt reviewed the proposed resolution that SEB drafted regarding student assignments during Election Week.
* Motion to consider resolution, seconded.
* Discussion.
* Second was withdrawn.
* Additional discussion with amendments proposed.
* Amended version seconded and the changes carried.
* Senate voted on resolution. Resolution carried 31-5.
* **Approved resolution is attached.**

**Discussion of Remote Teaching (Judi Cook)**

* Judi gave a brief demonstration of some of the new webcam technology available on campus.
* She divided up the faculty into breakout rooms for 15-minute sessions to discuss success and challenges in the remote classroom.
* Faculty used Jamboard, which is a collaborative whiteboard, to facilitate the discussion.
* Senate reconvened to discuss the ideas that came out of the breakout sessions.
* Judi updated the Senate on the flex pilot program.
* Additional discussion and questions.

Reminder that there is an AFT meeting at 3:00 this afternoon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm.

Next meeting is 11/4/20 at noon.

**Faculty Senate**

**Resolution on Election Day 2020**

**Passed October 21, 2020**

In consideration of the upcoming US general election on November 3, 2020, we hereby ask that faculty consider not holding exams or requiring essay or project submissions on election day. We recognize that due to the late notice, it may not be possible for many faculty to adjust their course schedules.

Inspired by the “Resolution on Student Assignments During Election Week,” passed by the Rutgers New Brunswick Faculty Council on September 18, 2020.