

MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 9th, 2020

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: [Zoom Meeting](#)

Box: [Digital Meeting Materials](#)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Faculty Senate Meeting held on Tuesday, May 12th, 2020 were **approved as distributed** without correction or objection.

REPORTS

The Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost, Robert Jones, issued his report to the Faculty Senate concerning the progress of fall semester planning, his joint letter to the faculty with the Faculty Senate President, and plans for return to campus. The Faculty Senate President asked for questions and feedback.

Senator David Blakesley (CAAH) asked, "A constituent asked me whether the co-signed announcement from both of you last week is indicative that the Faculty Senate has been involved in approving or endorsing the statement. Can you clarify?"

Senator Elizabeth Baldwin (BSHS) asked, "How about spaces like hallways, bathrooms and faculty offices? How are we being protected in our office? This is a concern I have heard."

Senator Hugo Sanabria (Science) asked, "What is the plan for enforcing the decided policies? For example face coverings."

Senator Lindsay Shuller-Nickles (ECAS) asked, "Will there be efforts to assess the outdoor space on campus for use in teaching, studying, and (spaced) group work?"

Senator Aga Skrodzka (AAH) asked, "Those of us who wish to return to regain access to our work space, when is the earliest that we can return to campus? Domestic space often does not allow for the kind of work we conduct, or it's highly improvised with other activities of partners and family members?"

The Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs answered, "Click on the 'Facilities access' quick links on the right hand side on this website: <https://www.clemson.edu/coronavirus/>"

Senator Neil Calkin (Science) asked, "What are the plans for testing? Will we be implementing group testing, to detect outbreaks as opposed to individuals?"

Senator Alternate Delancy Bennett (Business) asked, "As a marketing professor, I appreciate the campaign, including posters, to encourage a culture of safety regarding

COVID 19. Are there plans for similar campaign that encourages a culture of diversity and inclusion? What additional proactive measures do we plan to take to decrease the hurtful and racist remarks within our community?" Senator Patrick Warren (Business) and Senator Andrew Pyle (BSHS) called attention to Senator Alternate Bennett's questions. Margaret Ptacek Director, TIGERS Advance answered, "Good questions Delancy. TIGERS Advance is working on education about racism and steps that we can all take, right now."

Senator Tim Brown (AAH) asked, "What's the CCIT plan for providing for every single class meeting in person to be also offered live online?"

Margaret Ptacek Director, TIGERS Advance asked, "Where will the Football team event be advertised?" Senator Andrew Pyle replied, "Per university relations - the demonstration organized by football players will be 6:00-8:00pm on Saturday on Bowman field." Senator Lindsay Shuller-Nickles (ECAS) asked, "Will the football team have masks? It would be beneficial to align the efforts."

Senator Daniel Whitehead (Science) asked, "What about the large amount of momentum that is emerging in the community about removing Calhoun's name from the Honor's college. and returning to the original name of the iconic building on campus, Old Main?" Senator Neil Calkin (Science) stated, "There are important symbolic issues we can move on now: for example, renaming the Honors College"

Senator Daniel Whitehead asked, "What about the large amount of momentum that is emerging in the community about removing Calhoun's name from the Honor's college and returning to the original name of the iconic building on campus, Old Main?"

Senator David Blakesley (AAH) asked, "For anyone who can address it: A petition to remove "Calhoun" from the name of the Honors College has gathered almost 10,000 names, including Deshaun Watson and Deandre Hopkins most recently. Renaming the Honors College isn't restricted by the Heritage Act and would be an important step in healing some of the hurt caused by this association with the Calhoun name. Can we expect some action on this call, which has now been discussed for several years? Now would be the time to act!"

Senator Alternate Matt Turnbull stated, "I agree with Daniel Whitehead and David Blakesley: this is the time to come back to dealing with renaming Tillman hall and Calhoun Honors college"

Senator Alternate Kim Pickett (BSHS) commented, "Yes. This is the perfect time to evaluate that, Matt."

Senator Linda Li-Bleuel (AAH) responded, "I agree, we need to support students of color, and it will be a sincere gesture, renaming Tillman Hall and Calhoun Honors College."

Senator Lauren Duffy (BSHS) responded, "I also agree we need to direct time and attention to a discussion of the rename of the Honors College. For many, so much focus on Covid-19 with too little focus on this pivotal moment of recognizing structural racial violence will be very discernable."

Senator Lindsay Shuller-Nickles (ECAS) responded, "I agree, all our students, faculty and staff need to feel supported. I can garner further support from faculty in CECAS."

Senator Alternate Delancy Bennett (Business) stated, "Agreed, if we are to make this place as great as it can be we have to address the names of the Honors College and Tillman Hall." Margaret Ptacek, Director, TIGERS Advance commented, "TIGERS Advance Clemson is certainly supportive of messages that support our faculty and staff of color, now and always."

The President closed further discussion to consider the remaining agenda. Provost Jones concluded, "All, while you process how to get your important voice heard, I would like to add that as we develop action plans and actions, I will be reaching out to the senate to be engaged. Your involvement is critically important and most welcome!"

Standing Committees

The standing committee chairs updated the Faculty Senate on the prioritization of standing agenda items and balancing work with issues related to their committee charges affected by the adjustments to university operations and fall semester affected by the pandemic. No formal reports were presented.

University Committees/Commissions

The Chair of the Committee on Committees, Mary Beth Kurz, updated the Faculty Senate on some of the actions of the committee. The chair informed the Faculty Senate that a formal report would be filed during the next regular meeting.

The Faculty Senate representative to the Athletic Academic Oversight Committee, Mike Godfrey, updated the Faculty Senate on some of the actions of the committee. The representative's report is attached to the minutes.

President's Report

Faculty Senate President Whitcomb issued a report to the Faculty Senate. The report is attached to the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Oldham moved to schedule a regular meeting of the Faculty Senate on July 14th at 2:30 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed with a majority vote without opposition.

Senator Feng Luo moved for the Faculty Senate to adopt the statement presented by the College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities Caucus issue before Call to Order. The motion was seconded and passed with a majority vote without opposition. Opposition to adopting the statement was that there has not been time to thoughtfully consider the statement and that the statement was written from the perspective of the College and not the Faculty Senate or the University. A motion to postpone was discussed during debate, opposition included that the next regular meeting would be too late to adopt the statement in a meaningful fashion. A senator moved to table adoption of the statement was seconded and passed by a majority without opposition.

Secretary Oldham moved to schedule a Special Meeting of the Faculty Senate to consider adoption of the statement for June 12th, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed with a majority vote without opposition.

The question to adopt the statement was removed from the table. A motion to postpone the question until June 12th, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. was seconded and passed with a majority vote without opposition.

The President adjourned the Faculty Senate with no other business presented.

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