

Faculty Senate
 Minutes
 Aug. 6, 2020
 Zoom, 3:30 p.m.

Attendance:	Jon Westfall, Rebecca McCracking, Taylor Skelton, Lynn Reed, Michael Mounce, Andrew Wegmann, Josh Armstrong, Ky Johnston, Maia Wegmann, James Gerald, David Herbert, Conrad Puozza, Addie Herrod, Clint Wood, Karen Bell, Cetin Oguz, Brian Becker, Jeffrey Johns, John Alvarez, Zina Taran
1. Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order by President at 3:31
2. Announcements:	None

Agenda Item	Comments / Discussion	Motions	Action
3. Approval of Minutes of May 7, 2020 meeting	1. Vote to approve minutes 2. No changes	Motion: LR Second: AW	Approved
4. President's Report	1. President's Cabinet Meeting Recap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Losses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refunds to students 2. Auxiliary funds ii. + Gains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CARES Act Funds iii. = 6.7 million COH b. Enrollment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bad news <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 378 registered new students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 10-15% loss b. Budget can sustain 11% loss ii. Better news <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 293 waiting on enrollment 2. Applications still coming in (106) c. CARES Act Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 180-200,000 left (Federal) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reimbursement 2. PPE 3. Classroom upgrades 4. Computers/laptops for faculty ii. State funds must be used by Dec. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Covid-19 coordinator, Robin Douglass 2. Covid response plan 2. Action Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Delay in-person meetings? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No official decision yet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health & safety 2. Avoid furlough ii. Chief Johns: complicated decision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bolivar County infection rates 2. Defer face-to-face, but open campus? 3. Most vulnerable employees at risk for furlough b. CO: Testing students? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Chief Johns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student Health Center has tests 2. But testing looks backwards ii. JG: reliability of tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. False positives 2. Quarantine rates iii. No CDC recommendation to test c. Chief Johns: Group compliance d. Preventative measures, no 100% guarantee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Can protect our classrooms, cafeteria ii. Can't protect what they pick up elsewhere or bring back iii. AW: Create a culture of accountability iv. ZT: Air sanitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some changes 2. JW will bring up on Monday e. Students can request remote classes for any reason f. DH/JW: Infection rate threshold for shutdown? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. IHL: up to universities to decide ii. Cabinet will establish plan on Monday 		
<p>5. University Entities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report from Staff Council/Chief Safety Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Faced with the unknown; No promise that campus will be virus free b. Stay as diligent as we were in the beginning until vaccine available c. DSU Family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. "Act out of care and concern for each other" ii. Put the most vulnerable first 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Mississippi and anti-mask culture; wear a mask e. DSU is constant contact with Bolivar Health Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Jackson on full diversion ii. At 14+ rate, ICU's full iii. Nowhere to go f. Will continue to advocate for faculty and staff safety in cabinet <p>2. Report from BPAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No faculty representative 		
6. Faculty Senate Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Committee on University Services: MEW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Service project related to Covid or BLM 2. Committee on University Standing: JW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Online form coming this month 3. Committee on Elections: AH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Seven departments need proxies b. More the first week of class 4. Committee on Technology: JA, no report 5. Committee on General Academic Affairs: JG, no report 		
7. Discussion Topic: Covid-19 Action Plan & Concerns of Faculty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RM: Attendance? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. JW: Online rules (and in person) b. No notification needed for excused medical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Avoid grade ramifications ii. Encourage sick students to stay home 2. AW: Hybrid requirement? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Small classes, large rooms? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. On paper, yes ii. Division by division basis b. Classes outside? c. CO: studio art courses, music, aviation, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Specialized equipment ii. Lessen the time needed in class 3. RM: Recording students via Zoom and legality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If reposted (YouTube, etc.), need signed releases b. If internal only, no, probably? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No official word from Admin or IHL ii. JW will follow up c. ZT: Verbal agreement on recording d. JW: "Use your good judgement" 4. RM: What happens to international students if we go fully online? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Keep dorms open? b. Likely won't kick anyone out 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Consolidate, like last Spring d. No official word on this yet <p>5. JW: Matters for Cabinet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CO: First week virtual vs first day b. JW: Encourage faculty/staff to email w/concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Numbers help ii. Poll division? <p>6. Next meeting: Approval of T&P Document from Cabinet</p>		
8. Adjournment	1. The meeting was adjourned by President at 4:35	<p>Motion: JG</p> <p>Second: ZT</p>	Adjourned

Next meetings

Executive Committee Meeting: September 3, 2020 – Zoom
General Faculty Senate Meeting: September 10, 2020 – Zoom