

Spring Faculty Assembly Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2021

Present: see attached sign in sheet

Next Meeting: TBA

I. Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 11:31

II. Approval of Fall Minutes

Meetings were approved as submitted.

III. Call for Nominations for 2021-2022 Faculty Senate President-Elect

Dr. Beavers opened the floor for nominations. Dr. Huss-Keeler and Dr. Walther were nominated during the assembly. Additional nominations will be accepted by email for one week. At the end of the nomination period, faculty will receive information on nominees and will have one week to vote.

IV. Presentations and Q&A:

a. COACHE Survey Update - Dr. Santiago-Vázquez and Dr. Berberich

Dr. Berberich and Dr. Santiago-Vázquez provided an overview, update and history of the COACHE survey. Timelines, benchmarks, outcomes, and next steps for the UHCL campus was provided. The Provost will continue to report on the COACHE survey during the Faculty Senate Provost report. Questions and discussions on the results and future steps occurred.

b. Fall Planning Update - Dr. Berberich

Dr. Berberich thanked the faculty for all of the work completed as everyone navigated through the pandemic. A breakdown was provided on the Fall 2021 schedule. He also covered the possible safety protocols that will be taken based current pandemic levels. Questions and discussions occurred based on vaccinations, building ventilation, finalization of the fall schedule, class offerings, pivoting the class schedule, deadlines, student surveys, and possibly holding a town hall to address the issues. It was stated that questions not addressed will be compiled for written responses and shared with the faculty.

c. UHCL Federal COVID Relief Funds (HEERF-2) and Budget Priorities Update, Mr. Denney

Mr. Denney provided a brief overview on money received from the three Pandemic respond funds (Cares Act, CSSRA Act, and American Recovery Plan Act) and how the grant money, which totals 36 million dollars, is being spent. The three grants cover direct financial aid to students, institutional support, and minority serving institutional support. A brief overview of spent funds we covered. He also addressed timelines, requirements, rules, and plans for future spending was also shared. The floor was open for questions and discussion. Mr. Denney stated that he hopes to provide another update for faculty in the new few weeks.

d. Remaining Topical Questions & Answers

The floor was open to faculty for any questions.

Two factor authentications was a hot topic for everyone.

Compensation and inequity pay was another hot topic and discussed.

Some faculty requested that future Faculty Assemblies be held virtual to help faculty who teach at TMC, PL and live far from campus.

Questions not addressed will be compiled and responses will be shared.

V. Announcements

Faculty Senate meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month. All faculty are welcome to attend the meetings if they would like to attend. Please reach out to Elizabeth and she will send you the Zoom invitation.

Dr. Beavers thanked everyone for their time and efforts.

Several FSEC committees stayed after the meeting to answer additional questions.

VI. Adjournment

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