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2020-2021 Annual Report of the Faculty Senate Kelly Davidson, President

The Faculty Senate met eight times during the 2020-2021 academic year. The Executive Committee invited President Carvajal and Provost Smith to all meetings. The minutes reflect their attendance and comments. At each meeting, the statutory committees and standing committees of the Senate were encouraged to give reports. A number of meetings featured presentations by guests. The minutes of each meetings are available on the [Faculty Senate](https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/faculty-senate/minutes.php) website at <https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/faculty-senate/minutes.php>. A brief summary of Faculty Senate activity can be found below.

August 2020

- New and returning senators were welcomed for the beginning of the academic year.
- Changes due to COVID-19 protocols were discussed by President Carvajal and Provost Smith. Jeanine Boddie-LaVan described the work of the COVID-19 Taskforce and reminded everyone to use the MyVSU COVID-19 reporting system.
- Jaime Landau provided a report on resources available in BlazeVIEW and eLearning for online and hyflex teaching and use of mobile technology.

September 2020

- Comments from President Carvajal included information on VSU COVID-19 numbers and safety response measures, fall commencement, the upcoming Celebration of Inclusion, and the CAMP program.
- Provost Smith discussed scheduling of courses and room arrangements that allow for social distancing and other COVID-19 protocols; he emphasized the need for open communication between faculty and students.
- Kelly Davidson provided guidelines for online participation in Faculty Senate meetings and other important reminders for the upcoming year.
- Brian Ring, the President of the USG Faculty Council, gave updates and reported on the upcoming USG analysis of post tenure review procedures.

October 2020

- President Carvajal provided updates on the VSU COVID-19 campus status and response, encouraging faculty to continue with innovative practices to engage students in all learning modalities. He also discussed plans for the upcoming fall commencement.
- Provost Smith confirmed that COVID-19 protocols, such as social distancing, mask wearing, and adjustments to face-to-face course offerings will continue in the spring semester. He also presented the plan to move from a traditional week-long spring break to “Wellness Days” scheduled throughout the semester.

- The Faculty Affairs committee provided updates on the proposed Faculty Evaluation Model. Senators were given the opportunity to discuss in detail the different aspects of the document and it was returned to the committee for further revision.
- Brian Ring gave updates from the USG Faculty Council.

November 2020

- President Carvajal and Provost Smith provided updates on the VSU COVID-19 campus status and response, including reminders for the upcoming spring semester.
- Melissa Wolfe thanked the faculty as a whole for their work during the semester.
- The Educational Policies committee reported on their discussions to remove the limit on the number of withdrawals. The item was remanded back to the committee for further review and to draft a formal proposal for consideration by the Senate.
- General discussion was held regarding in-person attendance for hyflex courses, temporary changes in attendance policies due to COVID-19 concerns, and strategies related to student engagement and success.
- Brian Ring provided a report from the USG Faculty Council.

January 2021

- Remarks from President Carvajal included updates on the VSU COVID-19 campus status and response, with emphases on enrollment numbers and vaccination initiatives.
- Provost Smith provided updates on candidate visits for the positions of Dean of the Langdale College of Business Administration and Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics.
- Kelly Davidson noted updates to the Senate calendar for the spring semester due to changes from Spring Break to Wellness Days.
- Mike Savoie, Michael Black, and Michael Schmidt gave an update on the SACSCOC QEP. An overview presentation and the full document were shared in the Senate Teams file.
- The Educational Policies committee reported that town hall meetings will be held to discuss proposed changes to the withdrawal policy.

February 2021

- President Carvajal presented updates on the COVID-19 campus status and response as well as enrollment for the coming academic year, spring commencement, and legislative developments.
- Provost Smith discussed candidate visits for the Dean of Science and Mathematics and the upcoming SACSCOC visit.
- Provost Smith and Vice President Miller provided updates on the approval of VSU as a COVID-19 vaccination site.
- Jeanine Boddie-LaVan provided an update on the Employee Assistance Program as well as the work of the Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce and transitions related to the Office of Social Equity.
- Yvonne LeRoy-Landers provided an update on scheduled holidays for fiscal years 2022-2024.

March 2021

- Remarks from President Carvajal included updates on vaccination approvals, the proposal for the Online College for Career Advancement, and the successful SACSCOC visit.
- Provost Smith also spoke about the SACSCOC process and vaccination initiatives. He addressed VSU's response to a request made by a state legislator to the USG for a system-wide review of course syllabi.
- Ryan Smith and Mary Beth Rousseau represented the Faculty Affairs committee to present the revised Faculty Evaluation Model proposal, with details regarding changes made following the October 2020 Senate meeting. The Senate voted in favor of the revised Faculty Evaluation Model.
- The Educational Policies committee presented a proposal for a revised withdrawal policy allowing ten withdrawals total, with no more than three per year. The Senate voted in favor of the revised policy.
- Nominations for the Senate Executive Committee were accepted.

April 2021

- Provost Smith provided updates from the Executive Office, including updates on spring commencement ceremonies, faculty research and seed grant funding for the next fiscal year, and current plans for fall COVID-19 protocols.
- The Institutional Planning Committee (IPC) reported on a review of the role of the committee as related to others on the VSU campus and similar committees at other USG institutions. It was determined that previous work from this committee has been transitioned to others on campus and the members recommended disbanding to apply resources to other needed areas. Given that this is a statutory committee, the Committee on Committees was directed to keep IPC positions vacant until the statutes are changed or the IPC is needed in the future.
- Kelly Davidson introduced a resolution to honor Dr. Maggie Viverette for her work as Director of the Office of Social Equity and her substantial contributions in creating and supporting inclusive learning experiences in the classroom and community. The Senate voted in favor of the resolution.
- The Academic Scheduling and Procedures committee presented a proposal for the fall 2021 through summer 2026 academic calendars and a final exam schedule. The Senate voted in favor of the proposed calendars and schedule.
- Elections for the Senate Executive Committee were held.

The Annual Reports submitted by Committee Chairs are attached.

Statutory Committees and the 2020-2021 Chairs:

Academic Committee—Sheri Gravett: **Appendix A**
Committee on Committees—Nicole Alemanne: **Appendix B**
Faculty Affairs Committee—Daesang Kim: **Appendix C**
Faculty Grievance Committee—Mary Block: **Appendix D**
Institutional Planning Committee—Taralynn Hartsell: **Appendix E**

Standing Committees and the 2020-2021 Chairs:

Academic Honors and Scholarship Committee—Fanhao Nie: **Appendix F**
Academic Scheduling and Procedures Committee—Ian Andersen: **Appendix G**
Athletic Committee—Mallory Lane: **Appendix H**
Diversity and Equity Committee—Hoa Nguyen & Mark Errol: **Appendix I**
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Appendix A

Academic Affairs Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

<https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/registrar/academic-committee.php>

New and updated academic programs/curriculum overview:

New Degree Programs

- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
- BBA with a Major in General Business (eDegree)

New Degree Names

- BBA in Economics is now BBA in Applied Economics
- MS in Criminal Justice is now MS in Criminal Justice Administration

Minor in African American Studies is now Minor in Africana Studies

New Tracks in Existing Degree Programs

- Pre-Law in the BA in Political Science
- Computational Mathematics in BS in Applied Mathematics

New Minors/Certificates

- Certificate in Community and Technical College Leadership

Deactivated Majors

- BA with a Major in Legal Assistant Studies

Deactivated Tracks

- Adult-Gero Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Track in the MSN

Core Curriculum Updates

- DATA 1501 (Introduction to Data Science) is now available in Area D
- PHYS 1111K and 1112K added to Area D2

Appendix B

Committee on Committees Annual Report 2020-2021

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Committee on Committees **Academic Year:** 2020-2021

Committee Members: Nicole Alemanne (Chair), Peggy Moch (Past Chair), Melissa Pihos (Chair Elect), Beatriz Potter, Laura Carter, Marko Horn, Ken Smith

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
CoCo members were encouraged to hold spring 2021 elections for unit-elected seats as needed and to recruit faculty at large for various committee openings in fall 2020. (Committee generated)	All identified upcoming open seats should be filled as soon as possible.	Vacancies were identified. Majority of seats were filled, and CoCo members worked diligently to fill open seats.	N/A

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Appendix C

Faculty Affairs Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Faculty Affairs Committee Academic Year: 2020-2021

Committee Members: Daesang Kim (Chair), Ryan Smith (Past Chair), Mitch Lockhart (Chair Elect), Peter Geldrich, Jim Nienow, Fran Youmans, Grazyna Walczak, Sakhavat Mammadov, Mary Beth Rousseau, Laura Wright

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Committee rosters	The committee agreed to check committee rosters with CoCo.	Emailed to the Chair of CoCo (Nov 2020)	N/A
Faculty Evaluation Model (FEM) document	Formed a sub-committee (Drs. Ryan Smith and Mary Beth Rousseau) to work on this topic with the feedback from October 2020 Faculty Senate meeting.	1) Revised the FEM with the 5-tier system and 2) Revised Annual Faculty Activity Report and Action Plan	Approved of proposed FEM document in March 2021 Faculty Senate meeting
Post-Tenure Review	This item needs further investigation.	N/A	N/A

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Appendix D

Faculty Grievance Committee Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Faculty Grievance Committee **Academic Year:** 2020-2021

Committee Members: Mary Block (Chair), Abigail Heuss, Deborah Davis, Weimin Feng, Todd Royle, Rudo Tsemunhu, Michelle Ritter, Michael Holt

General faculty elected at large: Nicole Cox, Michael Baun, Thomas Aiello, James Archibald, John Dunn, Sarah Arnett, Elvan Aktas, Lee Grimes

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
The Faculty Grievance Committee had no formal complaints for the academic year 2020-2021. The Committee did not meet.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Appendix E

Institutional Planning Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Institutional Planning Committee **Academic Year:** 2020-2021

Committee Members: Taralynn Hartsell (Chair), Matt Roehrich (Past Chair), Shaffat Mubin (Chair Elect), Jacque Wheeler, Sudip Chakraborty, Li-Mei Chen, Kori Crews, Deb Marciano, Sandie Delk, Jessica Lee

Administrative members: Robert T. Smith, Traycee Martin, Vincent Miller, Barrie Fitzgerald, Michael Black, Ashley Cooper, Melissa Wolfe, Maisy Mustic

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Election of committee Secretary	Deborah Marciano volunteered and was approved by committee vote.	N/A	N/A
Review of by-laws and purpose of the committee (charge from Senate)	Review of committee history, similar committees at other USG institutions, and roles of related committees at VSU demonstrated that this committee seemed to duplicate others at VSU, including Budget Advisory Council, Institutional Effectiveness Committee, and Academic/University Committee. Tasks/topics seemed to overlap charges of other committees (e.g., Academic Affairs, Scheduling, Finance). 2017-2019 showed no report in Faculty Senate meeting minutes.	Recommendation to Faculty Senate (April 2021) to disband IPC for use of resources elsewhere.	IPC is a statutory committee and requires 2/3 full faculty vote for changes. Committee will remain but seats will not be filled until further determination is made regarding statutes.

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Appendix F

Academic Honors and Scholarship Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Academic Honors and Scholarship Committee **Academic Year:** 2020-2021

Committee Members: Fanhao Nie (Chair), Ericka Parra (Chair Elect), Mark McQuade (Past Chair), Nicole Cox, Abigail Heuss, Mark Groszos, Deb Briehl, Lavonna Lovern, Zulal Denaux, Marko Horn, Karen Noll, Xiaoi Ren, Michelle Ritter, Emily Rogers, Angie Gannon, LaGary Carter (ex-officio), Blake Pearce (ex-officio), Leah Robinson (ex-officio)

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
In September, Chair sent out emails requesting nominations for the GLARDA award.	NA	Email sent to VSU listserv	N/A
During the fall semester, nominations were solicited from VSU for the Georgia Legislative Academic Recognition Day (GLARDA) representative for 2020.	Erik Kacprzyk (student in Political Science) was selected as the VSU GLARDA representative.	GLARDA winner name sent to USG office	N/A
During the spring semester, the committee solicited nominations from departments and faculty at large for the annual Annie Powe Hopper Award. Six nominations were received, and the committee voted to select the top three finalists. This was done online and completed on March 19 th	The top 3 nominees were then sent to committee for Teams interviews on March 29	Daniela Reyes Escalona (student in Accounting) was selected as the winner. Name was sent to the university.	N/A
Because of the Global Pandemic (COVID-19) the honors banquet was canceled. Instead, each college and department handed out awards to their own awardees. The university also featured awardees on university websites and its official social media platforms.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Appendix G

Academic Scheduling and Procedures Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Academic Scheduling and Procedures Committee **Academic Year:** 2020-2021

Committee Members: Ian Andersen (Chair), Robert Taylor (Chair Elect), Jose Velez (Past Chair), David Springfield, Maila Springfield, Jim Nienow, Lin Chen, Ted Geltner, Marty Williams, Atilla Cseh, Jonathan Krispin, Jamie Workman, Chris Downing, Brian Williams, Ken Smith, Obediah Hall, Terence Sullivan, Stanley Jones (ex-officio), Ryan Hogan (ex-officio), Honey Coppage (ex-officio), Bobby Tucker (ex-officio), Zduy Chu (ex-officio), Ashley Cooper (ex-officio)

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Address issues that have emerged concerning the final exam schedule. Specifically, that there are some exam slots for which there are no corresponding classes, and there are some classes that are being offered outside of the traditional schedule grid—and therefore these classes do not have a corresponding exam slot assigned. Remanded by Senate Leadership.	Upon review we recommended the adoption of a new final exam schedule.	Committee met virtually on 1/31 and on 2/24, then communicated asynchronously on 3/1, 4/14, 4/16 and 4/18 to develop a new final exam schedule	Voted upon and approved on 4/22/2021
Develop a 5-year academic calendar as specified as an ongoing charge in the Committee Bylaws	A new 5-year academic calendar was presented to the Senate for Vote on 4/22/2021.	Committee met virtually on 1/31 and on 2/24, then communicated asynchronously on 3/1, 4/14, 4/16 and 4/18 to develop a 5-year academic calendar.	Voted upon and approved on 4/22/2021

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Appendix H

Athletic Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Athletic Committee **Academic Year:** 2020-2021

Committee Members: Mallory Lane (Chair), Katherine Adams (Past Chair), Meagan Wood (Chair Elect), Skye Holmes, Colin Walker, Susan Wehling, Blair Thomas, Gopeekrishnan Sreenilayam, Shafat Mubin, Nancy Swanson, Ilke Kardes, Eugene Asola, Lauren Holzberg, Stacey Walters, Paul Higgs, Steve Scheuler, Eric Callaway, Herb Reinhard (ex-officio), Jennifer Grubbs (ex-officio), David Kuhlmeier (ex-officio), Whit Chappell (ex-officio), David Boyd (ex-officio)

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Review of roster and bylaws	Could meet once or twice a semester per bylaws.	Decided to meet twice a semester	N/A
NCAA graduation rates		Herb Reinhard gave the graduation rates update and Katharine Adams added them in the 2019-2020 annual report.	N/A
Fall 2020 SAAS nominations	A Qualtrics survey went out to the faculty and staff for nominations and the list of nominations was confirmed.	The recipients were acknowledged during a February 2021 basketball game.	N/A
Spring 2021 SAAS nominations	A Qualtrics survey went out to the faculty and staff for nominations and the list of nominations was confirmed.	The recipients were to be acknowledged during the Spring Athletic Banquet.	N/A
Strategies for informing faculty about student athletes in classes for awards/recognition	Discussion that faculty do not know who the athletes are; therefore not able to nominate them for the SAAS award. One way is to look up the student as the student athletes are tagged in Banner. Previously faculty emailed Mallory Lane, or present committee chair, asking who their athletes are. Mallory requested and received a master list from Jennifer Grubbs and provided the information to inquiring faculty. Paul Higgs suggested sending out an email merge. This email merge would include the student athlete and respective faculty.	The concern and idea for notification emailed to Jennifer Grubbs.	N/A

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Appendix I

Diversity and Equity Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Diversity & Equity Committee Academic Year: 2020-2021

Committee Members: Hoa Nguyen & Jiyeon Jung (Co-Chairs), Chuck (Charles) Taylor (Past Chair), Mark Errol (Co-Chair/Chair Elect), Theresa Thompson, Chang Woo Yang, Kelly Gamble Mathis, Tywana Pryor, Alicia Pryor, Linda Jurczak, Mark Blackmore, Michelle Ann Ocasio, Mike Beverly, Kynthia James, Guy Frost, Chris Griggs, Maggie Viverette (ex-officio), Sandra Y.G. Jones (ex-officio), Jeanine Boddie-LaVan (ex-officio)

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Updating the VSU Diversity & Equity committee website	<p>The purpose of the website was to provide resources and information on university diversity-related organizations, teaching, and research activities across campus.</p> <p>In discussing the website with Dr. Vince Miller, co-chair of the Diversity & Inclusion Comprehensive Planning Task Force 2020-2021, the committee decided to put a hold on publishing the website until further updates on whether or not there will be a comprehensive main site for diversity-related content on the VSU website.</p>	Committee outlined the following resources that can be available on the website: research, news, teaching, organizations. A table of diversity-related organizations was created. A proposal was submitted to a media course for a podcast or radio as a means to share the information on diversity-related university content from the website. Contacted the web admin to discuss the potential location for the website.	N/A

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Appendix J

Educational Policies Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Educational Policies Committee **Academic Year:** 2020-2021

Committee Members: Meagan Arrastia-Chisholm (Chair), Nandan Jha (Chair Elect), Chunlei Liu (Past Chair), Brian Sowa, Karen Sodowsky, John Dunn, Jie Fowler, Matt Kolakowski, Chunlei Liu, Tolulope Salami, Sakhavat Mammadov, Herbert Fiester, Paige Krispin, Michael Holt, Angie Gannon, Ryan Hogan (ex-officio), Marsha B. Dukes (ex-officio), Stanley Jones (ex-officio), Becky da Cruz (ex-officio), Catherine Oglesby (ex-officio)

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Updating the bylaws	Updating language in membership section of bylaws to reflect current organizational structure of university.	Director of public service was removed, as well as mention of enrollment services, assistant dean of CoAS was removed, women studies was removed, and assistant dean was changed to representative from Academic Affairs. Committee voted to update the language and updated bylaws were submitted.	
Updating the withdrawal policy (SGA Resolution 20-03 and subsequently 21-04)	After considering the resolution and policies at similar institutions, the committee voted to recommend removing withdrawal limits. However, after holding two virtual town hall meetings in February 2021, the committee voted 7-2 to recommend a proposal based on Resolution 21-04 which increases the limits of withdrawals but restricts the timing in which they are used.	Two virtual town hall meetings were conducted in February 2021. The updated proposal was presented to the Faculty Senate in March 2021.	The Faculty Senate voted in favor of the proposal with changes made to the policy in the next catalog.

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Appendix K

Environmental Issues Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Environmental Issues Committee Academic Year: 2020-2021

Committee Members: Fred Knowles (Chair), Gopeekrishnan Sreenilayam (Chair Elect), Evelyn Davis-Walker (Past Chair), Phillip Brulotte, Dorrian Baber, Dixie Haggard, Cristobal Serran-Pagan, Emily Cantonwine, Brad Bergstrom, Luke Jones, Andy Ostapski, Jennifer Beal, Gabriela Smeckova, Knicole Lee, Denise Sauls, Michael Holt, Dwayne Trouille, Traycee Martin (ex-officio), Ray Sable (ex-officio), Meredith Lancaster (ex-officio), Alan Rowe (ex-officio), Jill Ferrell Rountree (ex-officio)

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Cleanup of waterway through campus	Work with city's storm water management division to clear debris after rainstorm & reach out to student government officers/volunteers to organize day of service to address issue.	(1) Formation of subcommittee for anti-litter campaign, (2) Natalie Sorrento (student who introduced issue) to work with subcommittee and SGA for volunteers to create awareness and aid in cleanup.	N/A
GA Power installation of solar charging station for electric vehicles (Committee asked for endorsement and opinion on location)	Committee endorsed the location nearest to the CoEHS building and adjacent to the tennis courts.	Recommendation sent to Traycee Martin (October 2020). Recommendations for individuals interested in media statements about the charging stations were made in March 2021.	N/A
Committee representation at Sustainability Fest	Due to COVID-19 protocols, the committee determined that representation would be virtual.	Dwayne Trouille and Jennifer Beal served as volunteers for the committee at the event.	N/A

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Appendix L

Faculty Scholarship Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Faculty Scholarship Committee **Academic Year:** 2020-2021

Committee Members: Rudy Prine (Chair), Luis Gonzalez (Past Chair), Can Denziman (Past Chair), Kelly Lowery (Chair Elect), Craig Hawkins, Nicole Cox, Paul Mihail, Jose Velez, Debra Davis, Robert Harding, Taewon Hwang, Matt Kolakowski, Jamie Workman, Hanae Kanno, Heidi Gonzalez, Donna Corbitt, Catherine Bowers, Darius Anthony, Becky da Cruz (ex-officio), Ann Olphie (ex-officio), Carlotta Ann Braswell (ex-officio)

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Due to issues surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, no funding was available.	The committee did not meet for the 2020-2021 academic year.	N/A	N/A

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Appendix M

Internationalization and Globalization Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

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Committee: Internationalization and Globalization Committee **Academic Year:** 2020-2021

Committee Members: Benjamin Harper (Chair), Cindi Tori, Brian Gerber, Kalina Winska, Josh Pifer, Arsalan Wares, Andreas Lazari, Grazyna Walczak, Joseph W. Robbins, Jie Fowler, Casey Colson Kennedy, Eugene Asola, Rudo Tsemunhu, Lisa Lowery, Ken Smith, Jordan Thompson, Ivan Nikolov (ex-officio), Irina McClellan (ex-officio), Robert T. Smith (ex-officio)

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Recognition of student work, degree program curriculum, and/or extra-curricular activities that contain substantial international or global component(s). Committee generated.	Remanded to sub-committee. Significant discussion took place in spring 2021, sub-committee to recommend action in fall 2021.	In progress	N/A

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Appendix N

Library Affairs Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Library Affairs Committee **Academic Year:** 2020-2021

Committee Members: Diane Holliman (Chair), Hanae Kanno (Past Chair), A.J. Ramirez (Chair Elect), Ligia Focsan, Melissa Porterfield, Jason Brown, Sandra Trowell, Shantanu Chakraborty, Daniel Baracskey, Melanie Byrd, Mary Beth Rousseau, Corie Crews, Laura Padgett, Daesang Kim, Julene Smith, Frances Youmans, Samantha Paul, Matthew McIntyre, Kenneth Smith (ex-officio), Alan Bernstein (ex-officio)

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Evaluation of six requests for contingency library funding	All requests approved	Email notification to those requesting funding	N/A
Rewording of request form for clarity	Committee voted to reword one item on request form and to make the form fillable online.	Form will be posted online for next year and all committee form originals will be posted in the Library Committee Teams shell for additional access by members in the future.	N/A

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Appendix O

Student Affairs Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

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Committee: Student Affairs Committee **Academic Year:** 2020-2021

Committee Members: Brian Ward (Chair), Lenese Colson (Chair Elect), Laurel Yu, Colin Walker, Michael Eaves, Ted Geltner, Robert Harding, R. Paul Mihail, Tolulope Salami, Matthew Kolakowski, Gary Hackbarth, James Archibald, Heather Kelley, Kelly Lowry, Sandie Delk, Steve Scheuler, Vincent Miller (ex-officio), Sherolyn Hopkins (ex-officio), Robin Vickery (ex-officio), Seth Sterlin (ex-officio), Shawn Phippen (ex-officio), Paul Leavy (ex-officio)

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Student engagement and progress with COVID-19 protocols affecting various areas of student life	Review of successful strategies for student engagement/participation, what could be continued, what changes were needed	Committee met six times during the 2020-2021 academic year. At each meeting the committee discussed updates related to COVID-19 responses, such as student engagement in courses and organizations and vaccine availability and response. Updates on the Diversity and Inclusion Comprehensive Planning and Mental Health Initiative were also discussed.	N/A

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Appendix P

Financial Aid Subcommittee Annual Report 2020-2021

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Committee: Financial Aid Subcommittee **Academic Year:** 2020-2021

Committee Members: Lenese Colson (Chair), Mark Blackmore, Matthew McIntyre, Emily Rogers, Jamie Workman, Lisa Parrish, Diane Guess, Gardner Rogers, Shawn Phippen, Debra McCrary, Douglas Tanner (ex-officio), Wanda Stracener (ex-officio),

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Determination of result for financial aid appeals	The committee met via email three times during the academic year (as well as once during the summer term) due to COVID-19 protocols. Each time, they reviewed and voted on student financial aid appeals.	Appeal applications were reviewed on an individual basis.	N/A

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Appendix Q

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Faculty Senate Committee Reporting Form

Committee: Technology Committee **Academic Year:** 2020-2021

Committee Members: Sakhavat Mammadov (Chair), Lee Grimes (Chair Elect), Attila Cseh (Past Chair), E-ling Hsiao (Past Chair), Evelyn Davis-Walker, Ben Harper, Bobbie Ticknor, Edris Brannen, Gary Hackbarth, George Wilson, Jemal Mohammed-Awel, Lin Chen, Nicole Gunn, Jennifer Beal, Robin Kern, Amy Chew, Dwayne Trouille, Anjie Atkins (ex-officio), Brian Haugabrook (ex-officio), Gary Miller (ex-officio), Joe Newton (ex-officio), Marsha B. Dukes (ex-officio)

Issue/Topic ^{1, 2}	Committee Recommendation ³	Action Taken	Senate Decision (if applicable)
Faculty Technology Needs	Following the previous year's committee decision on developing surveys about faculty technology needs, the committee continued its work by designing and distributing the second phase of the survey which was related to technology in the online teaching environment. The results of the survey will be discussed in the coming academic year.	All faculty members were invited to take Part 2 of the survey through Qualtrics. An invitation email was sent on 04/20/21 through the faculty listserv. In total, 77 faculty who have experience teaching online filled out the survey. The result will be shared with the division of Information Technology, so faculty needs of technology for the online teaching environment can be addressed appropriately. Parts 3 and 4 of the survey will be delivered to faculty in the coming academic year to get more responses. The committee also discussed the history of MyPages and the availability of WordPress as a substitute for faculty and staff who require a website for their work.	N/A

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