

## **FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING**

**JANUARY 14, 2021**

Members Present: Aaron Retish, Christopher Trentacosta, Charles Parrish, Fatih Celiker, Smiti Gupta, Lara Jones, Jeff Grynawski, Leisa Kauffmann, Lori Pile, Tom Killion, Eric Kessell, Victor Figuero, Yuson Jung, Zachary Brewster

Absent with notice: Clay Walker

Absent without notice: Ed Golenberg, Lisa Ze Winters

Attending: Stephanie Hartwell, Caroline Brzuchowski, Ken Jackson, Claudio Verani, Heather Dillaway, Regina Zibuck, Erin Bachert, Matt Allen, Haidong Gu, Kim Hunter, and Tom Fischer

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 9:00.

The minutes of the December 3, 2020 meeting were approved.

Heather Dillaway lead the discussion of the programs listed:

### **Curriculum Items:**

Changes to Bachelors and Minor Programs in Chemistry – voted and approved.

Change to the undergraduate Biology programs – voted and approved.

Changes to the undergraduate Neuroscience program – voted and approved.

Heather Dillaway discussed the curriculum committee (draft) proposal regarding the CLAS minors, this addresses the possibility of limiting the number of new CLAS minors along with monitoring of those minors that have low enrollment. New proposals being submitted will have to provide evidence of un-met student demand, also provide benchmarks against other institutions and must be built on current CLAS courses. Metrics and timeline need to be determined for the low enrollment minors. A report will be sent to the chairs regarding enrollment for the department minors. This issue to be discussed more extensively.

Motion made and approved – to accept the curriculum committee’s proposal on new minors and also agreed to talk to departments to check if any wanted to close their minors. For new minor proposals FC agreed that new proposals should be vetted more closely with the new criteria. The issue of the low-enrolled minor programs should be addressed again in the near future.

Merit/Salary Humanities needs an alternate to serve on the committee – Eun-Jung Kim is willing to serve for the winter term.

Motion made and approved to form a faculty governance committee. Names of faculty are to be sent to Caroline in time for the next meeting.

### Dean's Report:

Non-reps (dept. chairs and associate chairs, directors and associate directors) have begun to take their furlough days.

There will be several new department chairs starting in the fall.

The University's plan is to be back in person teaching with the probability of everyone wearing masks.

Mari Vaydik will be working with the department chairs regarding the un-awarded scholarships.

Enrollment is low, 24,000 count, down 2% for WSU, and 2% for CLAS, there is a possibility of spring budget cuts.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25.