

Campus Council Minutes
April 30, 2020
3:00 – 4:30 pm
Online Teams Meeting

- I. Welcome – Denise Bignar, Chair – 3:10 pm
- II. Presentation from Provost Jim Coleman
 - a. Many students, staff and faculty have taken on impactful projects to help each other and their communities during this trying time of COVID-19; find these on the university's website <https://www.uark.edu/determined/>
 - b. Question: Board of Trustees may make a statement about the fall – are we supplying them with any input, do we have a recommendation? A: They are having input from the system and we have input to the president. Many universities are expressing public intent to have some kind of open in the fall. The universities do not know what open will look like, that is where our contingency planning is right now, we know we are going to have some degree of social distancing. I expect the board will give very broad intent, for some form of opening.
 - c. Question: What about surfaces, will we have a plan to clean off whiteboards and other surfaces on campus including computers and keyboards? A: We will need to think about phases bringing people back to work. We need to think about PPE and making sure that all units have those items including face masks.
- III. Approval of the Agenda - approved
- IV. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2019 Meeting - approved
- V. Governance Reports
 - a. ASG – Kianna Sarvestani
 - a. Meal swipe donation drive occurred the last two weeks in December, over 5,000 meals raised
 - b. Renovate nursing mothers' room in the union, changing furniture, this summer
 - c. Kindness week, during the week of February 17th, weeklong programming including passing out buttons, incentive to being kind to others.
 - d. Razorback Readership – provides newspapers to students and faculty, going online, online only version of New York Times when that paper copy contract is over, USA Today will go online as soon as that contract is up. As for as Local news sources we will not be able to have those anymore, there is no online platform and it is costly and minimally used by students. This does not impact the Traveler. Access will be the same as with paper copies, use university credentials to access.
 - e. Advocated for international students, a problem that has come up is employment and hours. Many students have lost citizenship status and have been sent home. Advocating for some changes in terms of more education for them and how important is to maintain the 20 hours and not go over.
 - f. Changed ASG constitution to change who will be doing committee appointments, will not be working with membership coordinator.

- b. Staff Senate – Trish Watkins
 - a. We are in the middle of staff senate elections – voting started today 4/30/20 – run for a week.
 - b. Annual picnic is on hold, will not be next month, look for other possibilities
 - c. Celebrated staff for the team award and part time award
 - d. Celebrated employees of the 2nd quarter
 - e. Awarded spring semester scholarship awards
 - f. Voting site on campus was investigated, so much has changed so those are likely going to shift to vote by mail.
 - g. Planned to have a legislative forum, that normally would happen late September or October, local candidates for the forum, will need to wait on that, we are unsure if that will happen.
 - h. Telecommuting policy 412.3 – current policy does not allow for immediate family members to care for someone with an illness within their immediate family, we wanted the policy to include that or modify that policy. We have decided to put this on the back burner and let the current state with COVID-19 play out and we are hoping to talk with HR late fall or next spring about this policy.
 - i. Approved a resolution regarding division of agriculture, the board policy states that the members of staff senate are benefits eligible employees of the university, those that have 50% appointment with division of agriculture will not be benefits eligible beginning July 1, 2020, so staff senate will not be able to have agriculture staff senators any longer.
- c. Faculty Senate – Fran Hagstrom
 - a. Final exam schedule was revised and approved
 - b. Grade forgiveness policy – allow students by petition to exclude grade points up to 9 UA credit hours. Ask to revisit and changed implementation to end of Spring 2020.
 - c. Passed UA protection of human subjects’ and research policy – this will meet the federal standard.
 - d. Approved academic calendars for 2024/2025, 2025/2026.
 - e. Workday training – Stephen Caldwell, well attended.
 - f. Recommendation for spring grading for 2020 and summer of 2020 courses – pass, pass D or credit option by student petition.
 - g. Faculty senate resolution to administration supporting UA employee choice to work remotely in the Fall of 2020, does not restrict what that would be if we reopen and on campus, if faculty and staff are not comfortable coming on campus they can work remotely, this is not binding, this is what we would like to see happen, it was important to put this out there, not just faculty but also staff.
 - h. Recommendation was with administration – spring 2020 faculty teaching evaluations – recommend faculty evaluations be used to provide constructive and developmental feedback not be used only by the numbers.

VI. Old Business - none

VII. New Business

- a. Voting for Chair and Vice Chair for 2020/2021
 - i. Allen Porter has been elected Chair
 - ii. Kelly Westeen has been elected Vice Chair
- VIII. Announcements
 - a. We may end up meeting again to talk about how best to get reacclimated into going back to campus.
- IX. Adjournment – 3:45 pm

Attendance: Trish Watkins, Fran Hagstrom, Cedar Middleton, Mindy Engen, Kianna Sarvestani, Kathy Jones, Jim Coleman, Jamie Adme, Karen Sebold, Stephen Ritterbush, Stephen E. Caldwell, Timothy Kral, Elon Turner, EmmaLe Davis, Allen Porter, Rachel Gray, Michael Rau, Trisha DuCote, Kelly Westeen, Neil Allison, Theresa Kay Parrish, Devyn Moore, Andrew Dowdle, Katie Doughty