Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

9/7/2021, 3:45pm

Attendance:

 Senators Present:

* Ellie Camann - AST, BIO, CHE, ENV, GEY, PHY, SCI
* Heather Duncan - MAT
* Julie Schneider- CSC, CIS, CWB, CNG
* Erika Iverson (Arvada Campus) - DMS, HHP, HPR, HWE, MAP, MOT, NUA, NUR, PAP, RTE
* Carol Martin - ECE, ECO, EDU, HUM, PHI
* Berndt Savig - ART, DAN, FIW, FVT, JOU, MGD, MUS, PHO, THE
* Leah Rogin-Roper - CCR, ENG, LIT
* Amy Buckingham (Secretary)- COM, CRJ, POS, PSY, SOC, SWK
* Janet Tarase (Vice President) - ACC, BUS, MAN, MAR, CAR, EIC, HVA, PLU, SBM, REE

Senators Absent:

* Chelsea Campbell (President) - CAD, EGG, EGT, EMP, EMS, FST, LEA, OUT, PED, PRA, WQM
* Derek Lan - ANT, ASL, GEO/GIS, HIS, JPN, SPA

Visitors:

* Blake Mayberry for Derek Lan
* Dan Sohl
* Tina Armijo
* Johnny Calavitta
* Chris Zalenski
* Ginger Stewart
* Dr. Clark

1. Covid questions/Concerns?
	1. Faculty should ask students to complete the COVID-19 response form if they report illness, exposure, or a positive test. Form can be found by clicking on the yellow banner on the RRCC.edu home page. Either the student OR faculty can fill out the form for a student.
	2. Faculty can ask a student to take a test, but they do not need to. If students are filling out the response form, they will be contacted and requested to test.
	3. Free testing sites can be found at:

<https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/22251/List-of-Jeffco-COVID-19-Testing-Sites>

* 1. Student services will wait until results come back before notifying instructors.
	2. Student services are following epidemiology and medical protocol in determining steps taken.
	3. Instructors will be notified if a student in their class tests positively and needs to be quarantined.
	4. It is a student’s responsibility to notify their other instructors if they were quarantined because of a positive case in another class.
	5. Instructors should ask a student to leave class if they have been asked to quarantine, or contact the police department and fill out a BIT report.
	6. What qualifies an “outbreak” keeps changing; currently 5 per class indicates an outbreak
	7. Vaccinated status does not make the procedure any different due to not being able to ask specifically if a student is vaccinated.
	8. If a faculty member is vaccinated and willing to share an image of their COVID card with their supervisor, they will not be required to quarantine. They can come to campus and accommodations will try to be made to deliver quarantined classes remotely or teach other courses face to face AFTER approval from the direct supervisor.
	9. Transitioning of classes from face-to-face delivery to remote will be made on a case-by-case basis.
	10. Chancellor Garcia is considering making vaccination a required status statewide.
1. Communication structure
	1. Faculty to VP – Trust is the foundational issue in both directions of communication
		1. If there is a discrepancy with a dean, faculty can communicate with Dr. Clark
		2. Dr. Clark has asked that communication **start** with direct supervisor. If a dean cannot answer a question, we can communicate with Dr. Clark.
	2. VP to Faculty
		1. May or may not hold open forums; really wants communication to increase between faculty and deans.
		2. Dr. Clark is changing the format of meetings with deans to help streamline overall communication and address current challenges.
		3. ILT meeting minutes provided for faculty suggested to give everyone the same information directly rather than having it filter down.
	3. Mentorship program for deans?
		1. “In short, yes” – Dr. Clark