

MINUTES OF  
FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
March 10, 2020

Associate Librarian Jill Dixon, University Libraries, called the Full Faculty meeting to order at 11:48 am in UU Mandela Room. She welcomed

- c. Teaching Classes Without In-Person Classroom Settings – Jill read motion that was proposed and called for a motion to suspend the 72-hour rule for agenda items as shown in our bylaws. Motion was made and seconded. After no discussion, motion was unanimously approved with 1 abstention.

Pres Stenger thanked the Senate for suspending the agenda rule and reported that the Corona virus risks are severe and significant, and we are watching situation over the state very carefully. He reported that discussions have begun on ways to teach remotely if we felt health risks were near and present. We teach over 1,000 courses every semester and we may need all courses online before the end of the semester. We need to bring on cohorts of faculty to teach online in a logical way and have invited faculty volunteers to participate in the first cohort to test the systems. We currently have 30 volunteers. At this time, President Stenger said that when we have one confirmed case in Broome County, faculty will be encouraged to teach online. Our next marker is if we have a case of a student or employee, all classes would be taught remotely.

At this time, panel came forward for questions.

- d. Coronavirus Panel Discussion  
Panelists were President Harvey Stenger; Provost Donald Nieman; Vice President for Student Affairs Brian Rose; Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Johann Fiore Conte; Vice Provost, Center for Learning and Teaching James Pitarresi; and Medical Director, Decker Center of Health Services Dr. Richard Moose.

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we move all classes online? It was noted that our campus would not be closing; students may go home or stay on campus. We anticipate we would continue to operate at the essential service level on campus. Prof. Pitarresi reported that he has been assured that we have adequate band width and the tools that we would need have already been distributed. We may need to adjust as we move forward, but it is felt we are in good shape.

Prof. Kent Schull, History, thanked President Stenger for the great communication. He asked if there would be access to libraries, what types of materials will be available, and how will this affect our day-to-day operations? President Stenger responded that, right now, we are not in a situation where the Governor is saying not to go to work; all employees are expected to work if/when we would be in step 1 or step 2 as shown in the proposed resolution. We have not resolved the issue of Library access yet, but we will guarantee some type of access to all library materials and are working with Dean Kendrick.

Student John Santare, Student Association representative, asked how we will be handling lab courses. Prof. James Pitarresi responded that we are analyzing and interpreting data and may be able to do some labs virtually, but will have to look at on a case-by-case basis. He will be meeting with lab instructors to discuss good ideas on how to handle. As far as faculty moving toward online, Provost Nieman noted that we recognize there are many different kinds of instruction and a variety of courses, and we are working with different areas to get best c Tm0 g(l)5(a0 g(l) 11.0 0 1 54(be)3(s)11(t)-4( )b792 reW\*nE



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