

## Minutes

### Lecturers and Educators Congress

Feb. 2, 2022

4:30-5:30PM – [WebEx](#)

Present: Maria Stanko (President), Jaskirat Sodhi (Vice President), Catherine Siemann (Secretary), Scott Kent (Treasurer), Caroline Devan, John Esche, Risa Gorelick, Mary Konsolaki, Geraldine Milano, Swapnil Moon, Thomas Ogorzalek, Matthew Riegel, Ryan Tolboom, Louis Wells, Chris Zeiner

The meeting began at

#### I. President's Report

- Need rep for TLT committee – both reps have teaching conflicts this semester, so there is an open position. (Several lecturers are there as department reps.) Meetings are Thursdays 1-2:30 once a month.
- New president and interim provost – think about how we, as the LEC, want to be part of the transition to the new administration, reach out to the new president and connect with the interim provost. We will have two seats on the search committee for the actual provost.

#### II. Pandemic Instructional Delivery – Maria

- Booster requirement & how that's rolled out
- Accommodations for students with Covid-related absences
- Student focus group / planning for fall to provide better support to students who are coming out of the pandemic period

#### III. Committee Reports

- a. Faculty Senate - Jaskirat/Maria – discussions about the online classes getting removed from the schedules, the makeup of the interim provost committee, conversation between Dr. Pole (sp?) and President Bloom. Tony Rosato resigned as Faculty Senate President; Dennis

Blackmore will move up from VP to Interim President. (He was president last year.) The Egypt campus discussion continues.

b. University Senate – Scott – we are 3.6% over our financial goal this semester. There is a new Assistant Provost of Online Programs, so there is supposed to be a review of online programs to make sure they meet standards. No online classes will get offered in the fall that wasn't part of the initial group for review.

c. Strategic Planning - Mary

d. Ad-hoc Committee on University Lecturers – Jaskirat – 2 subcommittees, one looking at our Faculty Handbook to see where Instructional Staff is distinguished from Faculty. Looking at our peer and aspirational institutions to see what status teaching faculty have there. Also doing an analysis for ULs and SULs within different colleges. Hoping to get information from HR; can use public data otherwise.

e. Finance – Chris – Ed Bischof has retired, the new Controller has seemed open to listening, university finances are in good shape.

f. Information System and Digital Transformation – Ryan & Mary – March 14 ERP software is moving to the cloud. Looking to establish a security operations center with a managed service replier. Advance Research Computing is going to the cloud. Part of the Help Desk will move inside the Library. Dual authentication system for log-ins. Georgia Tech is our role model in the way they're updating the equipment. Separate Instructional Design from Instructional IT. Data analytics: to set up data governance committees and use data analytics for many of the functions of the university. (e.g. use Canvas for a view of student success.) Currently data is silo'ed; they would like to get them converged.

h. Committee on Faculty Rights & Responsibilities – Geri – Egypt campus. Given a lengthy document, responding by mid-March. Making sure it stays in the realms of shared governance.

Denial to teach online.

i. TLT – Geri – Dan White (Assoc. Dean for Online Learning) was present but did not speak. Basil said he made an executive

decision to deny the online courses. Why no opportunity to modify content, go to workshops? Was told there were no guidelines. TLT created a subcommittee to develop guidelines.

IV. Discussion of PSA merit rubric - shift to PSA meeting?

V. New Business – Caroline and John are up for reelection at the PSA. They encourage other lecturers to run, whether for departmental or at large seats.

Our return to R1 status was discussed.