



**Minutes of the Meeting  
December 2, 2020**

**PRESENT:** **Faculty Senate Leadership** R. Krebs, G. Dyer, and R. Carnell; **Faculty Senators** M. Adams, J. Ausherman, W. Bowen, M. Buckley, B. Cavender, B. Conti, D. Davisson, B. Ekelman, P. Falk, D. Forte, L. Francis, Z. Gao, J. Gatica, D. Geier, S. Gingerich, J. Goodell, D. Hamilton, K. Hamlen-Mansour, C. Hansman, J. Hostutler, Y. Hung, D. Kalir, S. Kaufman, J. Kilbane, A. Kumar, M. Kwiatkowski, J. Marino, W. Matcham, B. McClain, K. McIntyre, T. Porter, R. Raimer, E. Raschert, B. Richards, H. Richter, A. Slifkin, A. Sonstegard, R. Tighe, G. Toneff-Cotner, and J. Visocky O'Grady;  
**Corresponding Members**

learning, and encourages senators and faculty members to write to their chairs to document the extra time commitments required by online teaching and how those may be impacting their research agendas.

He noted that since going remote, the Senate has not had time for the collegial eulogy tradition; there is a special senate session scheduled for April 7 entirely devoted to the passing of former colleagues. He asked senators to let him know the names of faculty members who are deceased and may not have been recognized during this period.

Senator Visocky O'Grady suggested that such a memorial service be made open to a larger portion of the university community, including current and former students, and potentially the public.

#### **IV. Report of the President of the University**

**Harlan Sands**

President Sands recognized the strong attendance and participation in Faculty Senate meetings since switching to the Zoom format. He mentioned that he and other university presidents are pushing for another federal stimulus that would direct more funds to universities, pointing out that the safety of our University footprint throughout the campus repopulation was dependent on federal funding.

He acknowledged that our updated spring semester schedule, with the later start date, no spring break, and two reading days, is similar to spring schedules at other universities around the country. He recognized Senior Vice President for Research & Innovation and Chief Healthcare Strategy Officer F. Faison to give a campus update.

Vice President and Chief Healthcare Officer Faison reported that the increased incidence of COVID-19 in Cuyahoga County is likely to climb. Campus has returned to mostly remote, and students living on campus have been tested. Most positive cases have occurred with students living off campus. Only essential classes and research will continue on campus for the moment. VP Faison referred to various contracts the university has entered into to ensure adequate testing capacity. He also mentioned the shortened quarantine period now recommended by th

He asked faculty to consider what aspects of remote/hybrid teaching and advising we should continue to deploy once the current pandemic has ended. He concluded by encour

Incorporates statistics courses into program for the Applied Statistics specialization, adding an alternative exit requirement related to statistics.

**F. Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), Post Licensure Endorsement (Report No. 33, 2020-2021)**

Updates program requirement to reflect removal of 2 courses and related reduction in program hours from 21 to 15, which is in line with the requirements at other Ohio universities.

The Consent Agenda was approved by voice vote.

Dr. Schultz-Bergin reported on updates and clarif

- I. **Motion to** Extend the temporary Pass/Fail policy for undergraduates for Fall 2020 to Spring 2021.  
(Report No. 36, 2020-2021)

The motion was approved by voice vote with three abstentions.

**VII. Budget and Finance Committee Report**

**William Bowen**

Senator Bowen reported that the committee met after the Board of Trustees meeting. Dr. Bowen mentioned the clean external financial audit, and that the University budget is solid, though still facing challenges.

**VIII. Report of the Provost and Chief Academic Officer**

**Jianping Zhu**

Provost Zhu thanked the faculty for their tremendous effort and acknowledged the stress and sacrifices the faculty continue to endure. He noted that a list of resources is available through Associate Provost Bracken that address helping faculty to manage workload, life stress, and their research. He assured faculty that the administration is working to support faculty

