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FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2020

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Executive Committee member, Professional Standards Chair
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Eric Bullis

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Becky Porter

Senators for Physical Sciences:
Ed Corbett
Judy Fredrickson

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Julia Hammett
Paula Reynolds

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Candace Garlock
Ron Marston

Senators for Part-Time Faculty:
Gwendolyn Clancy
Edwin Lyngar

Classified Council Representative
Tina May

Student Government Representative
Alexandra Patri

Absent: Anne Flesher (Proxy: YeVonne Allen), Edwin Lyngar (Proxy: Gwendolyn Clancy), Cathy House

Guests: Amber Anaya, Natalie Brown,



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Movant: Senator Ron Marston

Second: Senator Staci Miller

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Administrative Report – Dr. Karin Hilgersom, TMCC President

Dr. Hilgersom opened her report thanking everyone for their quick work in transitioning to remote working and learning. All of our systems are holding up well with very few hiccups. Dr. Hilgersom is working from home 3 out of 5 weekdays as access to TMCC buildings has been reduced per the directives of the Governor and NSHE.

The Budget Reduction Taskforce is forming and Dr. Hilgersom gave thanks to Senate Chair Flesher and Chair-Elect Allen for their input and suggestions towards the formation of the taskforce. The request for hiring exceptions was submitted to the Chancellor for approval. Dr. Hilgersom expects to hear the result of the request on Monday.

When asked: “What is your image of our college?” by Dr. Hilgersom to the senate body, there were many heartfelt and positive responses given in the chat feature of today’s virtual meeting. Dr. Hilgersom asks for support in defending TMCC and the truth.

Chair-Elect Allen noted to please continue commenting in the chat section and noted this is a time for us all to stand together for our institution and for each other. The Faculty Senate Executive Board is concerned minority voices might not be representing the faculty accurately. Shared governance is not just between leadership and faculty, but something we should all adhere to even faculty within faculty.

Administrative Report – Dr. Marie Murgolo, Vice President Academic Affairs

Dr. Murgolo thanked everyone for the amazing job focusing on the students and going remote. She also praised the WebCollege and Tutoring Center for the extra work they have done to help staff, faculty, and students adjust. The dean searches are continuing. An interim role will be offered, if not accepted, the college will do an internal search to fill those positions.

Hiring exceptions which were submitted to the Chancellor and TMCC will continue interviewing. An offer will be made once TMCC has the Chancellor’s approval.



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Committee Reports

The general committee reports were included in the Google Drive for today’s meeting. Any standing committee chair who had an action item or additional highlights from his or her committee provided a report at today’s meeting.

- **Library Committee – Rob Lively**

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students. Next week, SGA will have a virtual meeting. Alexandria also complimented the instructors for working so quickly to move classes online.

- **Classified Council – Title 21051c 5-3 (JEMC P 17D 4DTJT T 5c -01- (202 -1.213 Td (1)(a) Re.3 (2**