

2020 May 18, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate minutes

Present:

Alcantara-Garcia, Angelini, Bell, Donnelly, Duggan, Flaherty, Fox, Galileo, Gallant, Gizis, Hayes, Hestvik, Kaufman, Koltonski, Lobasz, B. McKenna, Morgan, Morrison, Olabisi, Patel, Pelesko, Pierce, Timmins, Rakesh, Rosenberg, Yanich, Lopez-Gydosh, Serrano, Schroeder, Winn

The meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing due to the novel coronavirus shutdown.

1. Remarks of the Senate President (B. McKenna):

The Senate President reminded Senators that the election of officers and the meeting schedule for next year will be voted on later this week. No votes were held during this meeting.

J. Morgan (COCAN chair) reported on the organization of the online voting. He previously sent the candidate statements out by email. Voting will occur electronically via the Survey Monkey website. The candidates for President are Jennifer Barker and Mark Stanton. The lone candidate for Secretary is Steve Sidebotham. J. Morgan is the only candidate for COCAN chair.

2. Remarks of the College Dean (J. Pelesko):

The Dean provided updates on the college in the COVID-19 : We have been off campus for 63 days, yet this is just the start. He asked faculty to “make sure you find time to recharge and reflect.” He remarked that summer will be online and that the fall semester will be significantly disrupted. He emphasized that we must work to support our students whose lives have also been disrupted. There is financial disruption to our university and disruption to higher education more broadly. The Dean stressed the need for more empathy. There will continue to be opportunities in the new academic year.

3. The meeting was adjourned.

4. The 20 May 2020 report of J. Morgan on the election results is included:

*At 6:44 PM Monday, May 18, I sent the ballot via Survey Monkey to the 38 senators, and at 6:48 PM I sent an email message to all of them announcing that the ballot was open and would close at 11:45 PM Tuesday night, May 19. At 2:02 PM Tuesday afternoon I sent a follow-up email to all 38 senators thanking those who had already voted and urging the others to do so.*

*The results are the following:*

*27 senators voted in this election. Apparently one of them voted only on the first item.*

*In the election of the President-Elect, Jennifer Barker received 21 votes, and Mark Stanton 6 votes. We should all be grateful to each of them for their willingness to be candidates for this important position and for offering voters a genuine choice of excellent candidates with*

*extensive prior experience in the CAS Senate and/or the University Faculty Senate and their committees. In the previous 5 years I had great difficulty finding even one person who was willing to be a candidate for President-Elect, let alone two candidates.*

*In the election of the Secretary, 26 voted to approve Steve Sidebotham, and nobody voted to disapprove.*

*In the election of the Chair of COCAN, 25 voted to approve me continuing for another year, and 1 person voted to disapprove. (I hope that person will consider running for this position one year from now.)*

*26 senators voted to approve holding CAS Senate meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month, except for December 14 instead of December 21, and nobody voted to disapprove.*

*I should thank all of you for voting in this election at a very busy time of an extraordinarily challenging semester.*

*John Morgan*