

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate meeting September 21, 2020, 4:00-5:35 PM

Attendees: A. Fox (President), J. Barker (President-elect), S. Sidebotham (Secretary), J. Pelesko (Dean), K. Clark (Chief-of-Staff) and C. Popp (Events Manager). Senators (in alphabetical order by last name): J. Angelini, T. Barber, P. Burt, E. Cassese, L. Duggan, P. Feng, D. Flaherty, K. Franich, D. Galileo, C. Grogan, D. Guillot, E. Gutman, S. Hansen, A. Hayes, J. Jungck, J. Lobasz, D. Lopez-Gydosh, B. McKenna, D. Meyer, J. Morgan, N. Owczarek, P. Penix-Tadsen, T. Rocek, K. Schroeder, J. Song, G. Taylor, J. Trivedi, S. Vican, N. Zondlo

Prof. Alan Fox, President of the CAS Faculty Senate, opened the first meeting of the 2020-2021 academic year by outlining procedures for participation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Meetings will be virtual via Zoom with technical support provided by Coleen Popp and Kimberly Clark.

First item of business was adoption of the agenda

Second item was approval of the minutes of the May 18, 2020 CAS meeting.

Prof. John Morgan then discussed COCAN. He noted new members now serving on various committees and the need for two more members (one each from the Arts and Social Sciences) for the Educational Affairs Committee .

Prof. James Angelini discussed the Educational Affairs Committee's deadlines for submission of new courses or revision of existing ones. Newly proposed courses should be submitted by October 29 and proposals for new programs by November 6. Prof. Angelini noted that the Educational Affairs Committee had recently approved a BS in Applied Mathematics and the CAS voted to approve this.

The bulk of the meeting consisted of a power point presentation by Dean John Pelesko on the budgetary situation at the University of Delaware, especially as it impacts the College of Arts and Sciences. Dean Pelesko included in his report steps taken and suggested to mitigate the budgetary shortfalls now experienced by the CAS. He also noted key principles and strategies. Here is a link to his power point presentation.

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/eo4lpwgkpet1olj/Senate\\_Meeting\\_9\\_21\\_20.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/eo4lpwgkpet1olj/Senate_Meeting_9_21_20.pdf?dl=0)

Dean Pelesko's presentation elicited questions. Prof. John Morgan asked about graduate program costs. Prof. Morgan noted that demolition of McKinly lab had been postponed and asked the Dean about plans to demolish Christiana Towers. The Dean responded that he did not know the answer, but would pass along that information when it became available to him. Prof. Morgan also asked whether the Middle States Commission would visit the campus in spring 2021 under the current COVID-19 lockdown noting that it would be pointless. The Dean said that he did not know, but would respond when he had the answer.

Prof. Neal Zondlo asked about which services would be left in each department vs. a team approach: i.e. use of the same personnel across several departments. Prof. Kimberly Schroeder

asked whether courses taught in spring 2021 would meet in person, online or would be mixed. The Dean responded that it was impossible to make that decision at this time. Prof. Larry Duggan asked about reductions in athletic subsidies as another way to reduce the university's deficit. Prof. Morgan noted that he had observed numerous unmasked young people, presumably UD students, congregating in Grotto Pizza making the point that if it was safe for them to congregate there, it should be safe for them to be seated while masked in UD classrooms. Prof. Peter Feng noted that data indicating students wanted in-person classes were unreliable due to various factors.

Prof. Fox asked if there was any new business. Prof. Morgan put forth a resolution for discussion at the October meeting of the CAS on rules for debate prompted by a controversial issue that came before the CAS at the November 2019 meeting. This will be discussed and should be voted on at the October CAS meeting.

There was no further business and Prof. Fox then closed the meeting.