Date: 9/10/21 via Zoom Event

Time: 2:00 pm
Minutes Submitted by: Leslie Johnson, Faculty Senate Secretary

Attending Senators, Alternates:

Attending Guests:

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<td>2:03</td>
<td>Meeting called to order by FS Parliamentarian, Dr. Sean Tikkun</td>
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| 2:03 | Welcoming Remarks by FS Chair, Dr. Ralph Barrett  
Thankful to Tamisha Waden from IT who has been essential in helping us ready our meeting to be now conducted in Zoom. |
| 2:04 | Motion to Adopt Agenda  
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. K. Hall, and seconded by Dr. L. Johnson. Chair called signal of vote by Raise Hand feature in Zoom and motion was approved by simple majority. |
| 2:06 | Motion to Approve Minutes  
Motion to approve the minutes from the 8/20/21 FS meeting was made by Dr. K. Hall, and seconded by Dr. L. Johnson. Chair called signal of vote by Raise Hand feature in Zoom and motion was approved by simple majority. |
| 2:08 | Chancellor’s Report by Chancellor Johnson Akinleye  
The Chancellor is happy to be here again and is again thankful the work the faculty has been doing throughout the start of this semester. Despite initial trepidations, things seem to be going well on campus related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are almost back to the enrollment numbers we had in 2019. Most students seem happy to be back on campus and engaging with the faculty. Continue to fulfill the COVID safety requirements while back in the classroom and on campus. We continue to have a low positivity rate, well below the state, national, and city of Durham averages. Please continue to take COVID-19 precautions so we can maintain safety and hopefully make it to
the end of the semester safely. Please read the memo that went out yesterday from Environmental Health. Please update your vaccination information through the designated site. Our vaccination center and testing continue to be open and available. If have not updated your vaccination information, then you will require to be tested weekly. We are asking this of the entire campus- faculty, staff, students. Contact Dr. Kristen Long-Witter with any COVID-19 related questions.

Regarding the State budget- no new updates. Chancellors met yesterday and their update was the same as previously- Senate and House are still trying to negotiate the budget. Compromise budget is likely to be ready by the end of September. Then will start a conversation with the Governor related to continued compromises of the budget. Faculty/staff salary continues to be a component of the budget- still don’t know what final percentage of increase will be, speculation currently sits at ~5%. Continued concerns with ERHA non-faculty salary, still in discussions.

Next week will have BOG meeting, held virtually. No major requests for this meeting are currently planned. Continued conversations about change in tuition fees, portions of allotted fundings.

Please continue to work together as a team. The Chancellor encourages collaborations to help our students through matriculation. The physical and emotional wellbeing of all is essential at this time.

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<th>Faculty Assembly Report by Dr. W. Russell Robinson</th>
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<td>We had first official meeting today. Have been through basic trainings, met with Chairs, had a speaker who spoke about system level equity, diversity and inclusion. The group has started discussion related to concerns related to masks and vaccine policies. Dr. Robinson congratulated NCCU’s new FA delegates: Dr. K. Kuwahara, Dr. T. Locklear, and alternates, Dr. S. Colbert-Lewis, and Dr. C. Becker.</td>
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<td>We are still working on getting committee assignments established- the Chair will resend the survey for committee preferences. The Faculty Handbook will need to be reviewed and updated, so that committee will likely be expanded.</td>
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<th>Discussion and Voting on Proposed Changes to NCCU Faculty Senate Constitution</th>
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<td>The proposed changes along with Rationale from the Governance Committee were discussed during the April 9, 2021 FS meeting. They have been posted to the FS BlackBoard page and sent to the body to review- please see the full Proposed Changes to the NCCU Faculty Senate Constitution document posted to the FS Bb page for additional details.</td>
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Quorum was established. Voting was completed through the Zoom Polls feature and results of each vote were shared with the body. Results were as follows:

**Question 1** – Addition to Preamble: Approved (97% Yes, 3% No)

**Question 2** – Addition to Section 3: Aims: Approved (100% Yes, 0% No)

**Question 3** – Modification to Section 2: Election of Officers: Approved (100% Yes, 0% No)
Question 4 – Addition to Section 2: Officers: Approved (68% Yes, 32% No)

Question 5 – Modification to Section 3: Terms of Office: Approved (92% Yes, 8% No)
Discussion related to need to clarify this modification resulted in a motion from Dr. C.E. Davis, and seconded by Dr. S. Colbert-Lewis, to change the modification to:

The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Parliamentarian each will serve a term of two years (July 1 to June 30). Executive Committee members may not be re-elected. As per Article II of the Bylaws, if an officer is entering the final year of their original term as Senator, he/she/they may be eligible for a one-time extension of term by one year. No officer can serve more than one year beyond her/his/their original term as Senator. No Senator in her/his/their final year may run for office on the Executive Committee.

This motion was called to vote by the Chair using the Raise Hand feature, and passed by simple majority. Question 5 was updated based off this motion and voted on using the Polls feature with results as indicated above.

Question 6 – Addition/Modification to Article V: Duties of Officers: Approved (Yes 96%, 4% No)

Question 7 – Addition to Article V: Duties of Officers: Approved (100% Yes, 0% No)
Discussion related to the need to clarify this addition resulted in a motion from Dr. S. Tikkun, and seconded by Dr. C. E. Davis, to change this addition to:

The chair, in consultation with the standing executive committee, and incoming executive committee in years of election, will prepare an annual budget request for the funding of Senate operations and submit this request to the Chancellor no later than the deadline set forth by Academic Budgets.

This motion was called to vote by the Chair using the Raise Hand feature, and passed by simple majority. Question 7 was updated based off this motion and voted on using the Polls feature with results as indicated above.

Question 8 – Addition to Article V, Section 3: Secretary: Approved (100% Yes, 0% No)
Discussion related to the need to clarify this addition resulted in a motion from Dr. K. Hall, and seconded by Dr. C. E. Davis, to change this addition to:

The Secretary shall post electronic recordings and full transcripts of full Faculty Senate Meetings on the Faculty Senate webpage no later than one week after each meeting.

This motion was called to vote by the Chair using the Raise Hand feature, and passed by simple majority. Question 8 was updated based off this motion and voted on using the Polls feature with results as indicated above.

3:58 Concluding Remarks
We have made it through 8 changes and have several more. Will look to the October meeting to finish this and to set the Nominating Committee. The Chair will send more information about Nominating Committee to body closer to the next meeting.

4:00 Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dr. J. Barrow and seconded by Dr. K. Hall. Signal of vote was called by the Chair and motion was approved by simple majority.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Barrett