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Faculty Assembly Minutes

August 20, 2020

Dr. Robin Darling Young called the Zoom meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

In attendance were 73 faculty members from the Schools of Arts and Sciences; Business; Canon Law; Engineering; Law; Music, Drama, and Art; Nursing; Philosophy; NCSSS; and Theology and Religious Studies.

The previous minutes were approved.

The new Executive Board of the Faculty Assembly was approved by a majority vote. The Board is missing representation from Business, Canon Law, NCSSS, and Philosophy. In addition, the Metropolitan School of Professional Studies is not represented, but they do not have full-time faculty.

The issues discussed in the prior year were reviewed:

- faculty compensation
- endowment issues
- financials in conjunction with Senate committees
- academic programs and research mission
- library resources
- shared governance
- Middle States Accreditation
- hiring practicing and Dean search committees
- impact of Academic Renewal

Updates were given on the following:

- recent Academic Senate meeting
- the decision to have only freshmen come to campus
- austerity measures with the University looking to make up a \$41-61M budget shortfall
- fall instructional planning update

FACULTY ASSEMBLY

The “draft” faculty appointment letters that went to a limited number of faculty on campus last week were discussed, including the misleading nature of them and well as questioning the ethics and legal standing for them.

A draft letter written by the Faculty Assembly Executive Board regarding the appointment letters was shared and discussed. A poll was taken to approve its contents with 81% of attendees approving and 19% approving if some of the language is edited.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.