

University Faculty Meeting

Friday, September 18, 2020

Noon

Via Blackboard Collaborate and phone

Provost Painter welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining the second faculty meeting of the semester. He introduced Drs. Alan Green and Camille King, chair and vice-chair of the Faculty Senate.

Drs. King and Green provided an update on upcoming calendar items for faculty senate. Dr. King reviewed the plan for academic calendaring for spring. She also discussed items under review such as spring break, study abroad, concert choir, etc. and whether they are feasible under current conditions. A decision will potentially be made by October, input from many groups throughout campus will be sought to help form the decision. Faculty will receive a link to a survey regarding Showcase.

Provost Painter noted his appreciation of the collaborative approach outlined by Dr. King, because the decision does involve everyone.

Provost Painter introduced Dr. Megan O'Neill, director of Core Academic Experience. She was appointed to shepherd the core experiences that we have for our students.

Dr. O'Neill presented on Core Learning 2017-20, reviews and paths forward. The committee was charged with enhancing curricular coherence of the core learning experiences (FSEM, JSEM, Senior project, Writing). Dr. O'Neill reviewed a summary of the projects the committee had undertaken over the two years. She reviewed the trajectory of learning at Stetson, encompassing FSEM, JSEM, Senior Capstone and Career. Dr. O'Neill discussed the differences across the academic units in capstone experiences and the common learning goals of a capstone project. The committee work has been completed and now moves to the university community to activate some of the recommendations from the last three years. Dr. O'Neill thanked the committee members and other members of the community who contributed to the research and planning over the three-year period.

Provost Painter thanked Dr. O'Neill and noted that the effort to understand and magnify the vibrant trajectory of our general education outcomes is essential work for all of us. This was a daunting task, Dr. O'Neill has done exceptional work.

Dr. Harry Price, director of the Brown Center for Faculty Innovation, provided an update of the work being done in the Brown Center. A lot has happened since he took the leadership in June. Dr. Price thanked Chris Griffin, Rosalie Richards and Noel Painter for their support. Dr. Price reviewed the mission of the Brown Center, the organization of the "Brown Center 2.0" and the roles of the faculty fellows and program management staff. Dr. Price also outlined upcoming panels and sessions and series being offered.

Provost Painter thanked Dr. Price for taking the lead and sees a lot of promise for the new Brown Center

Mr. Ray Nault, interim vice president for enrollment management and **Dr. Giovanni (Gio) Fernandez**, associate professor of finance and chair of the enrollment committee, provided an

enrollment update. Dr. Fernandez thanked Dr. Andrew Larson for his work over the spring and summer as the previous chair of the enrollment committee.

Mr. Nault noted that it is a very tricky environment due to COVID, however, we have seen considerable success for fall 2020. Post census, Stetson's enrollment stands at 3,125 undergraduate students and 383 graduate. Graduate programs have done very well. He noted that he has not seen this success from peers and others. The goal, pre-COVID was 925 FTIC and 125 transfer students; actual numbers are 859 FTIC and 104 transfer students post-census. Mr. Nault reviewed the composition of the undergraduate enrollment. Stetson has made significant financial incentives to students due to COVID, e.g. updates to FTIC packages, increases in discount rates, etc. He also reviewed academic quality indicators compared to previous years.

In the current environment this is an exceptional win. The core academic issues, the ways we are developing our faculty and our enrollment are front-facing issues. We'll continue this work together. Provost Painter thanked the faculty for all the ways they are making this powerful for our students.

The meeting adjourned at 1:23pm.