
Collin College Faculty Council

March 20, 2020

Faculty Council Representatives for 2019 - 2020

Frisco Campus	McKinney Campus	Plano Campus
Rachel Bzostek-Walker (2018 – 20) Proxy: Alaya Swan	Seema Endley (2018 – 20)	Hannah Adams (2019 – 21)
Randy Collins (2018 – 20)	Joe Jaynes (2018 – 20)	Doug Boliver (2018 – 20)
Diana Gingo (2018 – 20)	Toni McMillen (2018 – 20)	Peggy Brown (2019 – 21)
Suzanne Jones (2018 – 20) Proxy Joan Kennedy	Lorena Rodriguez (2019 – 21)	Mike Cohick (2019 – 21)
Jason Morgan (2018 – 20)	Jason Snyder (2019 – 21) Proxy: Susan Owens	Bridgette Kirkpatrick (2018 – 20)
Kim Nyman (2019 – 21)	Vijaya Velamakanni (2019 – 21)	Michael McConachie (2018 – 20)
Sunita Rangarajan (2019 – 21)		Kay Mizell (2019 – 21)
Debra St. John (2019 – 21)		Marta Moore (2018 – 20)
		Barbara Stern (2018 – 20)
		Larry Stern (2019 – 21)
		Roger Ward (2019 – 21)
		Stephen Whitley (2018 – 20)
Associate Faculty Representatives		
Bonnie Ford (2018 – 20)	Susan Owens (2018 – 20)	John P. Williams (2018 – 20)

Approval of Minutes

Secretary: Toni McMillen, Due to the need for social distancing for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19, the information here reflects the reports of the Faculty Council In lieu of a physical meeting and not the meeting itself. If I missed anyone's report in 2020 Flood of Email, please let me know and I will add your report.

This meeting was not formally held due to the social-distancing and the need for faculty to focus on moving course work online. However, the Faculty Council Executive Board felt it best to go ahead and post reports and to document the Faculty Council activity and support of the College.

Board Reports

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie Ford

Meeting Expenses: 3685.92

General Supplies: 960

Sunshine Fund: 190

President's Report: Kat Balch

We find ourselves in a time of unprecedented change and adaptation. When entering the 21st century's "Roaring '20s" on January 1st, I'm certain we were all expecting more beads and fringe and MUCH less pestilence, stock plummets, and pauses in daily living. These are weird times, y'all.

Here's a recap of this past month.

- I have found myself as part of the Strategic/MasterPlan committee and will represent you in the Vision the College is creating for moving forward into the 2020-2025 cycle. We've had one meeting...and, coming up, I'm certain we'll be Zooming along—literally AND figuratively.
- I'm also now part of the Faculty Compensation Committee to address Faculty Compensation issues for FY21. Preliminary discussions are ongoing and the faculty's best interest is being kept at the forefront of discussions.
- I'm also on the newly formed Retention, Completion, and Graduation Committee—an outgrowth, to a degree, of the last two years of the "Guided Pathways" conferences that many of us have attended in various roles. Currently, we're deep-diving into college data to identify trends—both positive and otherwise—in order to verbalize areas for improvement and areas of current success which we might build on to make our College that much stronger and more appealing to our students and our greater community.

Finally, I want to commend all of you for your dedication in these ever-changing times. This was written prior to Noon on Thursday, so it does not incorporate any of the last-minute changes from the State or the College. That being said, all of you have more than answered the "call to academic arms" and I want to tell each and every one of you how deeply I appreciate your willingness to innovate and adapt for the sake of our students and our College family. It is an honor to serve with you and to represent such a dynamic and positive group of colleagues.

Thanks everyone and WASH YOUR HANDS!! Stay safe, everyone! ~Kat

Vice-President's Report: Aaron West, no report

Standing Faculty Council Committees

Academic Freedom: Roger Ward and Diana Gingo Chairs,
No Report.

Associate Faculty: John P. Williams, Chair-

We received a review for the adjunct faculty conference worth sharing. Kudos to Michael Rose and Susan Owens for all their work in planning this conference over the past year.

“Just wanted to take a moment to thank you for the wonderful conference today. I've attended dozens of these over the years but the one's offered at Collin are interesting and immediately useful. For the third year in a row I left a conference with techniques I'm excited to apply to my classes on Monday . . . I even enjoyed the food. Thanks for the variety of workshops offered and for encouraging the presenters to offer information that is immediately applicable. The conference was well organized and ran smoothly. I know it takes a great amount of effort to make it appear effortless. I look forward to next year. Keep up the good work!”- Deborah Ruiz-Esparza

Committee for the Common Good: Vijaya Velamakanni, Chair and Seema Endly

We have the list of retirees from the HR, and we will send out the questionnaire to the retirees. Due to the school delays, our current plan is to temporarily cancel the celebration date in spring. We will be looking at the possibility of having the celebration in Fall 2020.

Policy: Debra St. John and Aaron West, No Report

Procedures and Nominations: Dan Lipscomb, Chair

Ballots for the 2020 Faculty Council full-time and adjunct elections are tentatively scheduled for email distribution Monday March 23. Ballots may be cast through 5:00 pm Friday March 27.

IMPORTANT: Ballot messages may be inadvertently routed to junk mail and/or clutter folders. For unexplained reasons, IT and Institutional Research are unable to guarantee messages sent from the SnapSurvey tool will be delivered to the addressee's inbox. If you do not receive a ballot by late Monday, check your clutter or junk mail folders. Apologies for the inconvenience.

The candidates for president (Kat Balch) and vice president (Aaron West) are unopposed, but in keeping with procedures, their names appear on all full-time ballots.

Technical Campus ballot: All candidates on the Technical Campus ballot are unopposed, but as a formality, ballots will be distributed to Tech Campus faculty.

Teaching and Learning: Suzanne Jones, Chair

No Report

Technology: Sunita Rangarajan, No report

District Committees:

COE:

No report

Staff Council: Shane Apple, liaison-No report

CAB: Kathy Fant, No report

COAT: Sharon Eaves, No report

SOBI: Rachel Bzostek Walker, Chair-No Report

Faculty Rep. Report: Toni McMillen

- We had a great turn out at TCCTA from Collin College
- The Faculty Council completed surveys for Dr. Matkin on his performance at his request. It is a great attribute of a President to ask for feedback. This endeavor is appreciated.
- English is assessing 1302 for COAT and we received word that there will be no delay due to the school delay-See mail from Diana Gingo, Discipline Lead.
- Faculty have been sending numerous questions about changes during this time to both Kat Balch and their Associate Deans. We appreciate the hard work of all of the leadership as they are doing their best to field these questions and navigate changes under uncertain circumstances.
- During this time it is important to eat regularly, exercise, and to find ways to tap into mindfulness during this move to online coursework
- Reach out to your fellow faculty members, we are all here for one another.

New Business

Reminders:

- Beginning March 30, the Council on Excellence (CoE) will hold an election (via electronic ballot) for twelve open seats on the 2020-2021 Council. Please read the following for important information about the Council on Excellence, eligibility requirements, and *opt out instructions*. If you do not opt out, your name will automatically be added to the election ballot. The opt out date was March 4, 2020.
- The Rose Award Nomination is due by March 20, 2020 (may need to see if this has been extended)
- Meals on Wheels-Donations now through April 2, 2020

Meeting Adjourned

Future meetings TBA