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**Collin College Faculty Council**

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*September 25, 2020, 1:00, Zoom | Meeting called to order by Kat Balch*

Faculty Council Representatives for 2019 - 2020

<b>Frisco Campus</b>	<b>McKinney Campus</b>	<b>Plano Campus</b>	<b>Technical Campus</b>
Levi Bryant (2020 – 22) Proxy: Aaron West	Marlo Ballard (2020 – 21)	Hannah Adams (2019 – 21)	Tiffany Cartwright (2020 – 22)
Diana Gingo (2020 – 22)	Robert Brown (2020 – 22)	Lynn Jones (2020 – 22)	Lorena Rodriguez (2019 – 21)
Laura Hicks (2020 – 21)	Roberta Cravo (2020 – 22)	Bridgette Kirkpatrick (2020 – 22)	<b>Wylie Campus</b>
Suzanne Jones (2020 – 22)	Audra Heaslip (2020 – 22)	Tonya McMillion (2020 – 22)	Mike McConachie (2020 – 22)
Jason Morgan (2020 – 22)	Jason Snyder (2019 – 21)	Marta Moore (2020 – 22)	
Kim Nyman (2019 – 21)	Vijaya Velamakanni (2019 – 21)	Barbara Stern (2020 – 22)	
Sunita Rangarajan (2019 – 21)	Judi Wohead (2020 – 22) Not present	Larry Stern (2019 – 21)	
Debra St. John (2019 – 21)		Dean Wallace (2020 – 21)	
		Roger Ward (2019 – 21)	
		Stephen Whitley (2018 – 20)	
<b>Associate Faculty Representatives</b>			
Bonnie Ford (2020 – 22)	Melissa Kenfield (2020 – 22)	Patricia Coble (2020 – 22)	

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**Guest Speaker: Dr. Toni Jenkins, Vice President of Campus Operations**

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Clarification/discussion of on-campus mask policy:

Dr Jenkins reports that compliance is strong, most are wearing their masks and wearing them properly. Only exception is employees alone in their own offices. Dr Jenkins asks if council members are seeing otherwise; some representatives report seeing commonplace non-compliance. Dr Jenkins will have a reminder sent out about our mask policy in order to increase compliance.

COVID-19 reporting:

The question has come up from many faculty and staff about whether Collin College will report positive cases on campus. Dr Jenkins responds that the answer is no because the College is not verifying any information on reported cases.

Question: if cases are being reported to the college, why not let us know about them? Is it a matter of not having ability to pull numbers together?

Response: there is no reason to promote and report presumed cases.

Question: What is the argument against publishing information about confirmed (not presumed) cases?

Answer: at this point we are not doing that, she doesn't have an objection to it, but that is not what the college is doing.

Question: Why can the data could not be reported "as is," with the caveat that we are relying on self-reporting rather than administering our own tests, and thus we cannot be sure the numbers are accurate?

Answer: we are not trying to hide anything; where does it stop with seeking and sharing information; all we can say is that we are addressing those on an individual basis and things that we are doing are being effective.

Question: Since we are a public institution, has it not come up that we may owe this information to the community?

Answer: No, we are working with the County Health Department and they are very comfortable with how we are handling things. At this point, we are certainly being responsive to the community and institutions.

Dr Jenkins asks the group whether they were satisfied with her answers. After a brief silence, an attendant responded no, the group is not satisfied with the answers to their questions today.

Question: If Collin has "true regard to students and community" why not put a counter of suspected cases in best attempt to be transparent. Questioner does not understand the reasoning for not reporting as much information as the college has, without disclosing confidential information.

Answer: How does that help us? Questioner: it helps see if there is a spike – some of us at higher risk look at reported numbers by county etc., in order to decide on what activities to take. It would be helpful to the Collin community to have that kind of information.

Question: is there a HIPPA concern with sharing information?

Answer: that is certainly a consideration for the college.

Question: wouldn't reporting not confirmed cases be reporting incomplete and unreliable data?

Comment: some information (as long as it is properly labeled as incomplete) is better than no information.

Faculty input into Spring 2021 modalities: Continuing with the model in the fall, with lots of online sections and "new blended" in-person sections.

Question: Could we go to MW and TR in order to simplify class planning (50 vs 75 minutes) under the blended format? Answer: probably not realistic on dual credit classes and, although she is not opposed to that, we need to make sure resources are being utilized on Fridays. This is a question she can bring forward to the rest of administration and provide a response later.

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### **Approval of Minutes**

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Roll Call by Secretary Lorena Rodriguez. Pat Coble moves to approve June 30 minutes; Lynn Jones seconds. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

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### **Board Reports**

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Treasurer's Report: Bonnie Ford

Faculty Council meeting expenses: \$6000

Faculty Council supplies expenses: \$960

Sunshine fund: \$170.01 with three \$15 Target gift cards

Scholarship funds: \$5,485.27 in the Full-time faculty scholarship fund; \$603.89 in the part-time faculty scholarship fund

Vice-President's Report: Aaron West, No Report

President's Report: Kat Balch

Board of Trustees Update

Approval given for adjustments to the Phase III/IV upgrade to the McKinney campus – reworking the Community / US380 parking lots while building the Welcome Center

Early Alert Response System (EARS) update – approximately over 100 faculty have reached out through new program offered by Student Services

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### **Standing Faculty Council Committees**

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Academic Freedom: Roger Ward and Diana Gingo, No Report

Associate Faculty: Melissa Kenfield, No report

Committee for the Common Good: Vijaya Velamakanni

Planning to send out email reminder regarding how to contribute to the sunshine and scholarship funds.

Policy: Debra St. John and Aaron West, Committee decided not to recommend a mask reminder as a resolution. However, a Faculty Council-sanctioned reminder (not a resolution) could be a great idea.

Several representatives agreed that a reminder to wear masks and wear them properly was a good idea.

Procedures and Nominations: Dan Lipscomb, Chair

Putting off until next month the issues regarding proxies, leave of absence, and other procedures.

Teaching and Learning: Suzanne Jones, No Report

Technology: Mervat Karout and Sunita Rangarajan

Will send email to all faculty requesting to bring to their attention any issues that are taking longer and things they want an easier way to do.

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### **District Committees:**

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COE: Rebecca Orr

Nominations will no longer be delivered by hand, there will be a form. Will get an email on October 1<sup>st</sup> and a UTD scholarship email in the near future.

Selection committee is taking nominations for Faculty Emeritus – please nominate and encourage your colleagues to do so.

Staff Council: Genevieve Northrup, no report

CAB: Kathy Fant, no report

COAT: Neil Alexandrowicz

The Committee is considering expanding membership and discussing how to do it, regarding discipline and campus (probably between 3 and 5 members).

If faculty want to get their COAT assessment reviewed, Sep 28 is the deadline.

SOBI: John Glass (Millie Black fills in)

Training reminder – working out the details on training that will be recorded and posted on webpage: recognizing red flags

Received approximately 10 referrals since last FC meeting, mostly faculty reporting students who are not attending and/or dealing with difficult situations in their family. Please continue to stay alert and be aware of students and report any concerning behaviors. For any questions, email John or Millie, or [SOBI@collin.edu](mailto:SOBI@collin.edu).

Review the SOBI web page because there are a lot of good resources.

Next meeting: October 23, via Zoom Webinar.

Lynn Jones motions to adjourn, Tiffany Cartwright seconds. Meeting adjourned by acclamation.