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**Collin College Faculty Council**

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**October 30, 2020, 1:00, Zoom | Meeting called to order by Kat Balch**

**Faculty Council Representatives for 2020 - 2021**

<b>Frisco Campus</b>	<b>McKinney Campus</b>	<b>Plano Campus</b>	<b>Technical Campus</b>
Levi Bryant (2020 – 22)	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)	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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**Approval of Minutes**

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Roll Call by Secretary Lorena Rodriguez. Suzanne Jones moves to approve September minutes; Lynn Jones seconds. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

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**Executive Committee Reports**

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**Treasurer's Report: Bonnie Ford**

Faculty Council meeting expenses: \$6000

Faculty Council supplies expenses: \$960

Sunshine fund: \$745.01 with three \$15 Target gift cards

Treasurer thanks faculty for their generous donations to the Sunshine Fund since the last meeting.

Vice-President's Report: Aaron West

VP West communicates that advisors from Staff Council would like to start an ad hoc committee specializing on communication between advising and faculty. West will soon be calling for volunteer members for this new committee.

President's Report: Kat Balch

There will not be a Board of Trustees meeting for November. The next meeting will be on 8 December at 7 pm in the CHEC Boardroom and via livestream.

President Balch contacted VP for facilities and construction and the Interior Air Quality Project (Bi-polar ionization/UV tech) is scheduled to start in November. Expected completion is Spring 2021.

Frisco heating situation is being addressed and boilers are being replaced.

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## **Standing Faculty Council Committees**

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Academic Freedom – Roger Ward and Diana Gingo

The members of the Committee believe that Faculty Council has to do a better job of educating faculty on freedom of speech and other rights that relate to academic freedom. Will discuss a formal statement on this issue as part of today's new business.

Adjunct Faculty – Melissa Kenfield

The issue of communication between adjuncts was addressed by updating the email distribution lists.

A question has come up regarding adjunct representation for new campuses (Wylie and Technical) – will there be Faculty Council adjunct representatives from those campuses? Dan Lipscomb reports that the plan is to wait until the campuses are more settled before we take on that issue.

Common Good – Vijaya Velamnakanni

No report. Thank you to all those who contributed to the Sunshine Fund this past month.

Policy Committee – Debra St. John and Aaron West

No report

Procedures and Nominations – Dan Lipscomb

Nothing additional to issues on the agenda today.

Teaching and Learning – Suzanne Jones

No report

Technology – Mervat Karout and Sunita Rangarajan

First Tech Tip went out this morning and can also be found through the "Faculty Starting Line" canvas course.

Faculty may send email to new address at [Ftechcommittee@collin.edu](mailto:Ftechcommittee@collin.edu) to ask for new tips.

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## **District Committee Liaison Reports**

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### CoE – Rebecca Orr

Multi-Year Contract packet review is underway this week and the next.

### Staff Council – Genevieve Northrup

No report.

### CAB – Charles Ring

Charles Ring is not present but will message FC President later.

### COAT – Neal Alexandrowicz

No report

### SOBI- Carie Dippel for Millie Black

SOBI is recording voice overs for some of their existing trainings and they will be posted on the SOBI website within the next several weeks.

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## **New Business**

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### Proxy Representation (Procedures and Nominations Committee)

Last January, this issue was brought to Procedures Committee out of concern for how the Council was drifting away from proper procedures by letting any Council member proxy for one or more absent members, even when there had been no contact between them. Dan Lipscomb summarizes the proposed changes to current procedures regarding proxy representation and council members proceed to discuss the proposed changes. There is disagreement over whether representatives should be required to name a proxy when missing a meeting, and whether a “proxy pool” should be created for this purpose.

Judi Wohead motions to approve the recommendation as presented; Tiffany Cartwright seconds; Thirty votes for and one opposed; President Balch suggests the Committee further fleshes out the proxy pool issue; Nyman moves to change “must” to “may” from the policy as recommended; Pat Coble seconds; Motion carries unanimously.

### Statement of Candidacy for Faculty Council Candidates (Procedures and Nominations Committee)

Discussion about the requirement that FC candidates submit a statement of candidacy, and whether statement should be scripted.

Motion by Lorena Rodriguez to move forward with this initiative and take it back to Procedures and Nominations Committee to refine and clarify; Tiffany Cartwright seconds; discussion follows; motion carries unanimously.

#### Academic Freedom/Freedom of Speech Statement (Academic Freedom Committee)

Entire committee participated, agreed on, and put forth the statement being brought forward. This statement is a response to Dr Matkin's college-wide email and public statement regarding Dr Burnett's tweets. Academic Freedom Co-Chair Roger Ward summarizes the events that lead to the college President's message.

Representatives suggest expanding the statement from "faculty and staff" to include "students" as well. The original statement is edited as suggested. A discussion follows regarding the demand that the College "rescind" its public statement of October 12.

Jason Morgan moves to vote on the statement as edited; Laura Hicks seconds; nineteen votes in favor, eight oppose, 4 representatives absent at time of vote. The statement is approved as follows:

#### **STATEMENT ON FACULTY INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH**

**Faculty Council supports the right of faculty, staff, and students to speak freely without fear of discipline, in accordance with their freedom of speech and academic freedom. Collin College and its administration should aim to protect faculty, staff, and students from reprisal, harassment, censorship, or interference from groups or individuals, both within and outside of the college. Faculty Council urges Collin College to publicly reaffirm its commitment to the principles of intellectual freedom and freedom of speech as already elucidated in [Collin College's Board Policies](#) and rescind the College statement of October 12, 2020.**

#### COVID19 Reporting Discussion

Representatives discuss whether to request administration, again, for COVID numbers to be released. The general consensus is that the Council should persist in requesting despite repeated refusals. President Balch will bring this request up to the Leadership Team.

Meeting is adjourned by acclamation.