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**Collin College Faculty Council**

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*January 22, 2021, 1:07, 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) Not present	Marta Moore (2020 – 22)	
Kim Nyman (2019 – 21)	Vijaya Velamakanni (2019 – 21)	Barbara Stern (2020 – 22)  Not present	
Sunita Rangarajan (2019 – 21)	Judi Wohead (2020 – 22)	Larry Stern (2019 – 21)  Not present	
Debra St. John (2019 – 21)		Dean Wallace (2020 – 21)	
		Roger Ward (2019 – 21)	
		Stephen Whitley (2020 – 21)	
<b>Associate Faculty Representatives</b>			
Bonnie Ford (2020 – 22)	Melissa Kenfield (2020 – 22)	Patricia Coble (2020 – 22)	
Not present			

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**Roll Call and Approval of Minutes**

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Roll Call by Secretary Lorena Rodriguez. Kim Nyman moves to approve November minutes; Deb StJohn 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: \$950.01 and three \$15 Target gift cards

Vice-President's Report: Aaron West  
No report.

President's Report: Kat Balch  
December Board of Trustees meeting update - Farmersville campus should be open during late Spring 2021, Celina and the Frisco IT Center by August 2021.

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### **Standing Faculty Council Committees**

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Academic Freedom – Roger Ward and Diana Gingo  
Researching policies from other colleges in order to draft and suggest change to our current policy.

Adjunct Faculty – Melissa Kenfield  
New resolution coming up on New Business.

Common Good – Vijaya Velamakanni and Seema Endley  
Committee met last month and they had a list of retirees from HR and identified one person who is still on campus who is going to retire. How should we go about celebrating this person?  
President Balch will communicate with Rep Velamakanni regarding this topic.  
Seema Endley will send out questionnaire to retirees.

Policy Committee – Debra St. John and Aaron West  
Waiting on Academic Freedom committee to submit policy change suggestion.

Procedures and Nominations – Dan Lipscomb  
Nothing beyond what will be discussed under new business.

Teaching and Learning – Suzanne Jones  
No report.

Technology – Mervat Karout and Sunita Rangarajan  
No report.

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### **District Committee Liaison Reports**

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CoE – Rebecca Orr  
CoE has been working on a Board Report form that would reduce time and effort necessary to compose Board Reports. Hope to have it ready for next contract cycle.

Staff Council – Andrew Campbell and Genevieve Northrup

Drafted resolution asking for public COVID dashboard. They were pointed to new dashboard that was not publicly announced.

CAB – Cindy Gruver for Charles Ring

Eliminated credit program for Law Enforcement Academy but keeping the non-credit option. Established subcommittee to handle prerequisite setting process.

COAT – Aaron West for Neal Alexandrowicz

There are seven courses being assessed for Critical Thinking and five for Social Responsibility. Those disciplines should have been informed. Process through Canvas is much smoother. Deadline for submitting assignment for review is February 9. Levi Bryant will be new COAT co-chair.

SOBI- John Glass

No report.

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**New Business**

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Representative Status and New Campus Representation (Procedures and Nominations Committee)

Required annual presentation on representatives by campus. Currently, Frisco, McKinney and Wylie are slightly over-represented; rest of campuses slightly under-represented.

Committee Chair Lipscomb shares projections for next year, which show representation a little more out of balance than is currently.

It is the recommendation from the committee that, at least for the next year, we maintain the current status and re-evaluate one year from now. Another recommendation is that in order to represent faculty from Celina and Farmersville, they should caucus with Frisco and McKinney, respectively.

Future considerations: consider next year whether iCollin gets their own representatives; a dedicated representative for workforce programs.

Join Committee on Advising (Staff Council Liaison)

Joint effort between FC and SC in advising, especially with regards to workforce. Looking for volunteers for this new committee – please get in contact with Aaron West.

Faculty Development Conference Administrative Oversight (Frisco rep)

Rep Nyman shares that a Faculty Development Conference panel was approved by the FDC committee and then vetoed by Toni Jenkins on account of not fitting the theme, whereas on its face the panel appears to fit, and other panels do not so closely appear to fit.

Some representatives are concerned that upper administration is entering a pattern of censoring what used to be a faculty-led conference. Several representatives discuss their concerns regarding the erosion of shared governance and academic freedom at the college. Other representatives wondered whether the fact that a representative for AAUP was scheduled as a panel member was the motivating factor for administration's rejection.

Representatives generally agree that the reasons for rejecting the panel were not clear, and that clear communication with administration is lacking. Some representatives think the Council should produce a statement asking administration for improved transparency, communication and shared governance. Some faculty representatives express their fear of entering in a conflict with administration, especially in light of Dr Matkin's comments during his All-College Day video, where he appeared to imply that those who do not fully support the College's purpose should consider employment elsewhere. Other faculty argued that those comments should in fact motivate faculty council to speak up and demand more transparency from administration. It is decided that a Communications committee be created and tasked with drafting a statement regarding this issue. Rep Jason Morgan will chair this committee.

#### Face-to-Face Attendance Encouragement (Frisco reps)

Some Deans are asking faculty to encourage in-person attendance from students in blended classes, including initiatives such as penalizing students for lack of attendance. This does not seem a sensible position in the midst of growing covid numbers.

Taskforce will take these concerns up to administration.

#### Iris Meda Scholarship Resolution (Adjunct Faculty)

Proposal to create a scholarship and portrait in honor of Adjunct Professor Iris Meda, who died after contracting COVID. Discussion ensued on whether Prof. Meda should be honored more significantly than many other college employees who have not received much or any recognition.

Audra Heaslip moves to call a vote; Kim Nyman seconds. Result of voting on the resolution as it stands: 14 votes in favor, two against, three abstain.

Next meeting will be on February 19.

Call to adjourn by Roger Ward; second by Laura Hicks; meeting adjourned by acclamation.