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**Collin College Faculty Council**

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**February 26, 2021, 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 (2020 – 21)	
<b>Associate Faculty Representatives</b>			
Bonnie Ford (2020 – 22)	Melissa Kenfield (2020 – 22)	Patricia Coble (2020 – 22)	

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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; Roberta Cravo 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: \$800.01 and three \$15 Target gift cards

**Vice-President's Report: Aaron West**

No report.

President's Report: Kat Balch

February meeting has been postponed to March 2<sup>nd</sup> due to inclement weather and subsequent power failures.

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### **Standing Faculty Council Committees**

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Academic Freedom – Roger Ward and Diana Gingo

Recommendation of the Committee is to adopt the Chicago Statement on Academic Freedom. Academic freedoms are being chipped away at the college, which is a concern the Council needs to take on.

Adjunct Faculty – Melissa Kenfield

No report.

Common Good – Vijaya Velamakanni and Seema Endley

One faculty member is retiring this year, and the Committee would like to celebrate this person. Please let committee know if anyone else is retiring.

Policy Committee – Debra St. John and Aaron West

Will follow up on the work of the Academic Freedom Committee.

Procedures and Nominations – Dan Lipscomb

Nothing beyond what will be discussed under new business.

Teaching and Learning – Suzanne Jones

Abe Johnson held districtwide T&L meeting and talked about two things: survey will be going out about modalities going forward, and administration needs training on identifying areas of growth for faculty.

Technology – Mervat Karout and Sunita Rangarajan

No report.

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### **District Committee Liaison Reports**

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CoE – Rebecca Orr

CoE is gearing up for elections. This coming year there will be 23 seats in the Council. Rebecca Orr has sent an email to all faculty asking to opt-out if desired.

Staff Council –Genevieve Northrup

Working to get together the Committee where they will collaborate with Faculty Council.

CAB – Cindy Gruver

No report.

COAT – Aaron West for Neal Alexandrowicz

No report. Running on schedule as expected.

SOBI- Jason Morgan for John Glass

Working on some training videos. Please pay attention to email.

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## **New Business**

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Upcoming FC Election (Procedures and Nominations)

Nominations ongoing for upcoming elections. Nomination period will close end of day March 15.

FC Candidate Announcement Procedures (Procedures and Nominations)

In the November meeting, a review of the process was sent to this committee. They will experiment with including candidacy statements from reps and officers during the upcoming election. A modified version from that used during adjunct election will be used. The candidates will have a chance to make a case for why they believe they are well suited to represent faculty. Candidates for representative will have 250-word limit; candidates for officer will have 300-word limit.

Point of Order

Kim Nyman moves to add item to agenda regarding retaliatory terminations of Reps. Jones and Heaslip. Vote is taken: 12 No and 19 Yes.

Kim reads Statement of Support that she has prepared.

Motion by Rep. Rodriguez, second by Rep. Adams.

Discussion by Barbara Stern: there is a concern that passing a statement of support for our colleagues might imply the Council is obligating itself to support their legal fight.

Motion by Rep. Wohead to amend the statement before voting to keep sentence 1 and first half of sentence 2 and add that we in FC have observed their collaborative efforts. Second by Rep. Cartwright. If the amendment passes, then we vote on the amended motion. Votes are 3 Yes, 26 no.

Back to original statement. It was edited as a group effort. Vote taken: 10 No, 19 Yes. Statement of Support passes.

Discussion on Tenure and Reprisals (Roger Ward)

Rep. Ward initiates discussion about the reasons for seeking to adopt a tenure system at the college. A discussion of the benefits and disadvantages of such a system ensues. It is decided that an exploratory committee on the issue of tenure will be formed.

Next meeting will be on March 19.

Call to adjourn by Roger Ward; second by Tiffany Cartwright; meeting adjourned by acclamation.