
Collin College Faculty Council

March 19, 2021, 1:00, Zoom | Meeting called to order by Kat Balch

Faculty Council Representatives for 2020 - 2021

Frisco Campus	McKinney Campus	Plano Campus	Technical Campus
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)	Wylie Campus
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)	
Associate Faculty Representatives			
Bonnie Ford (2020 – 22)	Melissa Kenfield (2020 – 22)	Patricia Coble (2020 – 22)	

Roll Call and Approval of Minutes

Roll Call by Secretary Lorena Rodriguez. The Council reviews February meetings synchronously. Kim Nyman moves to approve February minutes; Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Executive Committee Reports

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
Tuition up \$3 per hour
Ongoing work at Plano and McKinney
Frisco campus fixed
Spring Commencement will be virtual again on April 29th and 30th, and May 1st.

Standing Faculty Council Committees

Academic Freedom – Roger Ward and Diana Gingo
No report

Adjunct Faculty – Melissa Kenfield
No report.

Common Good – Vijaya Velamakanni and Seema Endley

The Committee knows of three faculty retiring this year, currently in the process of deciding their gift. Please let them know if you hear of any others.
The Committee learned about two deceased colleagues and plans to recognize them.

Policy Committee – Debra St. John and Aaron West
Going to work on the Academic Freedom policy that came that from Academic Freedom Committee and see how the new Shared Governance Task Force operates.

Procedures and Nominations – Dan Lipscomb
No report beyond new business.

Teaching and Learning – Suzanne Jones
No report.

Technology – Mervat Karout and Sunita Rangarajan
No report.

District Committee Liaison Reports

CoE – Rebecca Orr
Elections are coming up, as well as multi-year contract workshops – please pay attention to your email for announcements on these issues.

Staff Council –Genevieve Northrup
No report.
CAB – Cindy Gruver

There are a number for workforce program modifications coming down the pike.

COAT – Aaron West for Neal Alexandrowicz

Assessment days over the summer this year will be administered via Canvas
ZOOM training will be offered beforehand.

SOBI- Jason Morgan for John Glass

Focusing on student housing issues since the snowstorm.

New Business

Upcoming FC Election (Procedures and Nominations Committee)

FC election is on track to start next week, and ballots will be sent Monday, 3/22. Voting closes at 5:00 pm on Friday 3/26. Reminder messages will be sent Wednesday and Friday to those who have not yet submitted ballot.

New this year: as requested by the council, a real-time list of officer and campus representative candidates was posted on OneDrive and the link shared with full-time faculty wishing to see the list of candidates during the call for nominations.

Officer candidates: Roger Ward is the sole candidate for president, and there are three candidates for VP -- each has provided an informative statement of candidacy

Campus representative candidates:

 Frisco -- 5 candidates for 4 open seats

 McKinney - 6 candidates for 3 open seats

 Plano -- 9 candidates for 5 open seats

 Technical -- 1 candidate for 1 open seat

 Wylie -- no seats open this year

Most campus representative candidates submitted statements of candidacy; voters have the option to view or bypass statements but are encouraged to read them as candidates put thought into crafting their statements

A question was posed regarding FC representatives for iCollin and/or CAP faculty

Response: because iCollin faculty will remain housed on their current campuses for 2021-22 and may be already serving or may run for election now, no seats were designated for iCollin and/or CAP faculty for 2021-22, but the Procedures and Nominations Committee will revisit the issue next year along with plans for apportioning seats for Celina and Farmersville campuses.

Resolution on Summer Terms Covid Protocols (from Kim Nyman)

Proposed Resolution: Faculty Council 3/19/2021

Whereas, COVID-19 infection still poses a threat to the students, faculty, and staff of Collin College (1), and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control guidelines suggest that the virus will continue to pose a threat for the indefinite future even as vaccines become more widely available, (2), and

Whereas, many faculty, staff, and students have already committed to working during the 2021 Maymester and Summer terms or attending classes at that time, and

Whereas, an increased number of in-person classes will be offered during that time, and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control suggest that wearing a mask and observing social distancing protocols, in addition to obtaining a vaccine, remain important means of controlling the spread of COVID-19 (3),

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the Faculty Council of Collin College respectfully request that required masks and social distancing protocols be kept in place at least until the end of the 2021 Summer II term.

(1) Texas Department of State Health Services COVID-19 dashboard
<https://txdshs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ed483ecd702b4298ab01e8b9cafc8b83>

(2) Centers for Disease Control, “When You’ve Been Fully Vaccinated,” updated March 9, 2021
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

(3) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “How to Protect Yourself and Others,” updated March 8, 2021
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

Resolution was passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be on April 16.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation.