

DAFVM Senate Meeting Minutes
1:30 pm. May 14, 2020,
Webex: <https://msstate.webex.com/meet/al1119>

Meeting was called to order

Reading and approval of April 2020 Minutes- motion to approve Taya, second- Trey Howell.

Standing Committee Reports:

Office of the Vice President: Dr. Reuben Moore- on President's COVID-19 task force – June – July

- Research and pubs are up
- On target to have increased extremal award by end of year
- A lot of faculty involved in COVID-19 projects- committee screening white papers for funded projects.
- Student teaching has continued
- Extension Service- 840 interactive video conferences, 42 media releases,
- Productivity has not dropped during pandemic
- IHL looking at how to restart universities- looking to IHL for guidance
- Tax revenue, concerned about budgets for the remainder of this year and next year. Developing scenarios for possible cuts due to budget.
- Dr. Keenum does not favor reduction in force or furloughs or impact to the income of the people we have.
- News release- reorganization structure in place- provided on front page of University website- 3 changes
- Operational guidance after June 1st. –not final- return to work in phases- exception of Meridian campus.
- Phase II- June 1- July 5- more employees returning to work-admin leave may end June 1st. FMLA leave may be enacted for those that need it related to COVID-19. Graduate assistants and student workers may return, if needed. Supervisors will be responsible for managing return. Social distancing will be maintained. Follow CDC guidelines, mask will be provided to those that want it. Tele-work agreement provided by HR.
- Expanded FMLA leave, pays for 2/3 of salary. More detail will come out later.
- For most meetings, encouraging online platform for June.
- Up in enrollment for summer term
- Research and Extension Centers will be open. CVM- open, Hunter Henry Center- open
- Help employees that have accommodations request. Vulnerable
- Essential travel will be allowed with VP approval. No travel to places with shelter in place orders.
- Self- screening- take temp every day prior to coming to work
- Fall semester- practice getting back to work
- CDFS Center- should be open first of June- need for childcare will be able to take FMLA leave. Will open when others open in Starkville.
- International travel- not be approved through July 5th- not final-may be on case-by-case basic when allowed

- Out of state travel- approved on case-by-case basis.
- On campus events for fall. More likely in August, classes-mixture of online and face-to-face classes in the fall. Classes where students are spread out more- looking at ways to reconfigure classroom. Looking at non-traditional venues for classes.
- Considering requiring students to wear mask in the classroom. Will probably provide a mask.
- International students- Dr. Story said no spots in the world that are worse than others. Understand the need to get international students to campus.

Dean of the College: Dr. George Hopper- No report

Extension Service: Dr. Gary Jackson- provided by Dr. Threadgill-

- Dr. Jackson is working on reopening plan for Extension Offices
- All Extension Offices are open with skeleton crew. Some are still closed- county mandate.
- Dr. Jackson concerned about budget as well. Most of the budget is used for Ext employees. Operation money is low, but travel has been limited so may have more money.
- Programs are still being provided throughout the state
- 4-H Congress workshop- all online- send information in for workshop you would like to do.
- Public crisis has made us use virtual meeting and conferencing

Holland Faculty Senate: Dr. Jason Barrett

- New officers- have been elected- begin July 1
- Rebecca Robichaux-Davis- Chair- Jason Barrett- VC- Randy Follett- Secretary
- Will invite department heads to attend faculty senate
- Recognizing there are a lot of knowledge silos and need to have more communication
- Faculty confidence survey- increase response- areas for improvement were noted-
- Information is getting out to media before faculty, Dr. Shaw wants to communicate with faculty and get input from faculty
- Utilize your faculty senators- if you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to ask.

Extension Advisory Council: Dr. Julie Parker- no report due to not meeting.

Chair Report

- Dr. Anna Linhoss – New Officers- will schedule a Doodle poll to talk about transition.

New Business

- DAFVM senate officer election results (2020/2021 academic year)
 - Chair: Julie Parker
 - Co-Chair: Robert Grala
 - Secretary: Kelley Wamsley
- Suggestions or concerns – important to let administration know.

- Updates on COVID-19, “Safer at Home,” and outlook for the fall.
 - Attendance policy will be very different this fall. If a student feels any symptoms, they need to be able to stay home
 - 30-50% of classes should be online in the fall
 - Want students to be on campus. Trying to figure out ways to encourage social distancing. Suggestions?
 - Trying to bring people back to work by July 1 to prepare for the fall.
- Updates from discussion about 12-month faculty teaching this summer. Faculty can get Campus 5 classes approved through the eform process and offer them during the summer 2020. If you had a course that traditionally is taught as campus 1, but you want to offer it as Campus 5 this summer, you can submit your request for approval. If you want to teach it as Campus 5 in the fall and the future, then you will need approval through the normal UCCC process.
- Questions and comments posed:
 - Kelley Wamsley- faculty in department submitted E form, but was told it was too late.
 - Trey Howell- UCCC did meet and approved many submissions.
 - Ask Jenny Turner or Dana Franz if you have more questions about Campus 1 or 5 courses.
 - How to plan for fall- class sizes, etc.
 - Good idea to revise syllabi to indicate when the faculty member is available.
 - Sound quality of recorded lectures can be an issue. Can use resources from Center for Distance Education.
 - How can you make sure lectures can be recorded during a face-to-face class meeting?

Old Business – no old business noted

Floor is Open - Senator Updates- no updates notes

Important Dates

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted: Julie Parker