

Newcomb-Tulane College Faculty Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

In Attendance Voting:

Liz Abboud, Katherine Adams, Laura Adderley, Julie Alvarez, Adrian Anagnost, Mia Bagneris, Courtney Baker, William Balee, Constance Balides, Katie Black, Shannon Blady, Barbara Blythe, James Boyden, Bruce Brower, Brian Brox, Myrlene Bruno, Joseph Bull, Mahir Can, Amy Chaffee, Emily Clark, Mary Clark, Sara Clark, David Colaco, LaPorchia Collins, Pierre Conner, James Cronin, Michael Cunningham, Diana Cupsa, Marie Dahleh, Nathalie Dajko, Roxanne Dávila, Brian DeMare, Marianne Desmarais, Mark Diana, Robert Dotson, Maxwell Dulaney, Cynthia Ebinger, John Edwards, Katie Edwards, Allison Emmerson, Ludovico Feoli, Chris Fettweis, Jason Gaines, Guadalupe Garcia, Anne Gibson, Elisabeth Gleckler, Brent Goehring, Mike Griffith, Elizabeth Gross, Douglas Harris, Thomas Hebert, Donata Henry, Michael Hogg, Victor Holtcamp, Elliott Isaac, Katharine Jack, Michael Joyce, Lev Kaplan, Erin Kappeler, Jana Kate, Dennis Kehoe, Tom Klingler, Tiffany Lin, Ana Lopez, Casey Love, F. Thomas Luongo, Julie Markant, Judith Maxwell, Vicki Mayer, Andrew McDowell, Adam McKeown, Tim McLean, Liz McMahan, Marilyn Miller, Travis Miller, Lisa Molix, Mallory Monaco Caterine, Michael Moore, Damian Murray, Gans Narayanamoorthy, Scott Nolan, Laurie O'Brien, Scott Oldenburg, Nike Orie, Rebecca Otten, Amy Pfrimmer, Stephanie Porras, Jonathan Pritchett, John Proctor III, Katherine Raymond, Thomas Reese, Alexandra Reuber, Felix Rioja, Katie Russell, Marty Sachs, Nicholas Sandoval, Mimi Schippers, Russell Schmehl, Laura Schrader, Kimberly Sherman, Dale Shuger, Alexandra Sims, Erin Siodmak, Eric Smith, Randy Sparks, Brian Summa, Raymond Taras, Jeffrey Tasker, Caz Taylor, Ryder Thornton, Allison Truitt, Erick Valentine, Shusheng Wang, Beth Wee, Toni Weiss, Carola Wenk, Dawn Wesson, Lara White, Michele White, Jennifer Whitten, Fred Wietfeldt, Mike Wilson, Justin Wolfe, Carrie Wyland, Myke Yest

In Attendance Nonvoting:

Amjad Ayoubi, Nia Bluford, Robert Connor, Edward Cruz, Suri Duitch, Brian Edwards, Kimberly Foster, Brooke Grant, Kelly Grant, J. Celeste Lay, Greg LeBlanc, Arthur Lustig, Charlotte Maheu Vail, Sarah Montes, Colette Raphel, Daniel Senesky, Jessica Shedd, Anneliese Singh, Lee Skinner

3:35: Dean Skinner calls the meeting to order.

Due to faculty concerns over the webinar format it is decided to move the meeting to the regular Zoom format. A link to the new meeting is posted to all attending members and an email containing the link is sent to all NTC faculty.

3:50: Agenda, Minutes, and Other Business

- Dean Skinner makes a motion to limit discussion to time blocks on the agenda with the adjustment of the Dean's Report being limited to ten minutes.

The motion passes. (Yea 28 | Nay 3 | Abstain 1)

- Professor Judith Maxwell makes a motion to approve minutes from the previous NTC Faculty Meeting.

The motion passes.

3:53: Professor Judith Maxwell summarizes the motion submitted by the Curriculum Committee.

On behalf of the Curriculum Committee Professor Maxwell introduces key points of the proposed motion regarding the Core Curriculum. Faculty raise concerns over the suggested changes to “Textual and Historical Perspectives” in the Core Curriculum.

- 4:01: Motion to strike added language and return to the original language.

A motion to strike added language from the “Textual and Historical Perspectives” and return to the original language in the Core Curriculum passes. (Yea 39 | Nay 11 | Abstain 21)

Faculty introduce concerns regarding the changes to the Writing Intensive Requirement.

- 4:18: Motion to return the writing intensive learning objectives to the committee for further revision.

The motion passes. (Yea 38 | Nay 24 | Abstain 15)

- 4:22: Motion to adopt the proposed Core Curriculum Learning Objectives with the exception of the writing intensive.

The motion passes. (Yea 47 | Nay 6 | Abstain 18)

4:25: Professor J. Celeste Lay presents on behalf of the Committee on Academic Integrity

Professor Lay discusses student cheating during the spring semester and offers advice for faculty. There is some general discussion among faculty of concerns and additional solutions.

4:39: Professor Casey Love presents on behalf of the Committee for Study Abroad.

No decision has yet been made for Study Abroad during the Spring 2021 semester.

4:44: Dean’s Report by Lee Skinner.

Dean Skinner introduced Dr. Paula Booke as Director of CAE and other new NTC staff, described changes to the structure of the Honors Program and support of students under COVID-19, and reported on Orientation and the Arrival Center.

4:58: New Business.

Professor Carola Wenk introduces a motion.

- The choice to teach in-person, online, and/or hybrid should be left to the individual faculty member in consultation with their department and school.

Faculty discuss the issue with one of the primary concerns being if the NTC Faculty meeting is the correct place. Dean Skinner explains that NTC has no authority to allow or disallow the matter contained in the motion. Dean Edwards suggests that it might be more appropriate to bring the matter up to the deans of individual schools. Several faculty members express their

opinion that the NTC Faculty meeting is the one meeting in which faculty across the schools can act collectively. Dean Skinner agrees to share the outcome of the vote with Provost Robin Forman as an expression of the opinion of the faculty in attendance at the meeting.

5:16: A motion to call the question passes. (Yea 62 | Nay 3 | Abstain 7)

5:17: The motion passes. (Yea 59 | Nay 12 | Abstain 5)

5:18: Meeting adjourns.