**Date:** Thursday, April 30, 2023

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Location:** Information Commons- Boardroom

**Facilitator:** Dr. Trish White – President of Faculty Senate

**In Attendance:**

***Officers Present:*** Mr. Andrew Crocker (Vice President) Mr. Jared Durden (Treasurer), Ms. Tracie Liska (Secretary), Ms. Shelby Gannot (Communications), Dr. Tiffany Ford

* ***Senators Present:*** Mr. Peris Carr, Ms. Katherine Craft, Ms. Dandy Finney, Ms. Cara Griffin, Ms. Kimberly Griffin, Ms. Susan Inman, Mr. Daniel Kopsas, Mr. Jeff Kulback, Mr. Gabe McLaughlin, Ms. Angie Messner
* ***Faculty and Special Guests:***

***Call to Order:*** The meeting was started at 3:01 pm by Dr. Trish White

***Reading and Approval of the minutes:***

* March Minutes approved

***Reports and Announcements:***

* Treasurer’s Report – *Mr. Jared Durden*
	+ No new report
* Academic Council – *Ms. Tracie Liska*
	+ No new report
* IT Council - *Dr. Vivian Elder via Dr. Trish White*
	+ New strategic plan is going into place
	+ Training sessions available for Teams in the classroom
	+ Passwordotc.edu is going away

***Old Business:***

* Faculty Senate Elections
	+ Welcome new Senators:
		- Mr. Dan Janssen, Ms. Kimberly Kosmicke, Mr. Ross Lowrance, Ms. Dawn Wright
	+ Executive Council Elections
		- Nominations to Dr. White by April 28
		- Any current senator can be nominated for Vice President, Treasures, Secretary, and Communications

***Program:***

* **SB410 “Do No Harm”**
	+ Restrictions on topics that can be covered or discussed in the classroom – specifically higher education
	+ DEI topics = Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
	+ Concern about the current textbooks that we use that have topics
	+ Has not passes committee
	+ Another concern is HB1196 that has passed committee and is like (similar to) SB410
* **Annual Planning -** *Dr. Andrew Aberle*
	+ When students plan their schedules, they plan for the entire year – Summer, Spring, and Fall.
	+ This will have no impact of faculty contracts
	+ Who helps the students:
		- Admission counselors – on application to OTC
		- Admission Navigators
	+ Do students HAVE to do this type of registration?
		- It is optional for students to enroll in three semesters.
	+ See additional questions for further topic discussion
	+ Invitation to Dr. McGrady for May Faculty Senate meeting to answer lingering questions

***New Business:*** The next Faculty Senate meeting will be Thursday, May 11 at 3:00 pm

***Adjournment:*** The meeting was ended at 3:58 pm

***Additional discussion, questions, and answers to Annual Planning:***

* What problem are we trying to solve with Annual Planning?
	+ It helps the student to not just register, but to plan their education.
* What happens if a “C” or better is not achieved in courses that are sequential?
	+ There needs to be a better margin around A and B block to allow for grades to be processed.
	+ Utilize roster clean-up
* Are other colleges doing this?
	+ A few and they have seen success with student numbers
* Payment for students with Annual Planning?
	+ Payment information goes in one time, but students must choose which semesters.
	+ If the student does not select all planned courses, they will be dropped. Just like the current procedure.
	+ There are no foreseen problems will Pell grants
* Are we going to remain flexible?
	+ We need to intentionally build into our college policies to be flexible and adaptable
* Will this impact summer enrollment?
	+ Helps to gain enrollment due to early decision making by students.
* Is this going to be reversed if it does not become successful and what data are we looking at?
	+ No benchmarks have been set as of now
	+ Faculty suggested:
		- Benchmarks
		- Put something in place to catch students that do not show
* What about our waitlisted students?
	+ Concern that students are taking a seat in a class and then do not show. That is a missed opportunity for others that need or want that class.
* Flexibility for students is a big concern topic for faculty.

Students need to be able to get the classes they need, when they