



**FACULTY SENATE  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 24, 2020**

**Location:** Via Zoom  
**Time:** 10:00 AM-12:00PM  
**Chairs:** Marina Whitchurch (SR) and Mary Middleton (JR)  
**Attendance:** Mary Ann Blinkhorn, Andy Childress, Tiffany Clarkin, Daniel Elash, Jeanine Henriques, Glen Moulton, Deb Murphy, Tom Pike, Tracy Redd, Troy Scevers, Jim Shaw, Tina Weyland  
**Recorder:** Amy Durst

Agenda Item	Discussion
<b>Approval of Minutes:</b>	<b>Minutes approved as submitted.</b>
<b>Faculty Senate Awards Committee/Luncheon</b>	There has been a suggestion to not do Faculty Senate awards in May -perhaps have them in Fall. Also suggested to give one award to all faculty and staff in commemoration of getting RCC online during COVID-19 (perhaps a tree or plaque). The group discussed several ideas and settled on giving to the Student Emergency Fund. Glen Moulton made the motion donate the funds normally used for the Faculty Senate Award Luncheon to the Student Emergency Fund in honor of all faculty and staff. The motion was seconded by Tina Weyland. All were in favor. <b>Motion approved.</b>
<b>Status of Sub-Committees</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>By-Laws Committee</b> (Mary, Troy, Tracy, &amp; Deb) – did not meet again after Fall term. The plan was to meet in Spring term, but COVID hit. There are a few changes that need to be made. Mary will bring those changes forward in May.</li> <li>2. <b>Survey Tool Committee</b> (Tracy, Tiffany, &amp; Kristi) – group is working throughout the Spring term. Will report back.</li> <li>3. <b>BNS Statement Committee</b> (Tom &amp; Mary) – Basic Needs Statement to be included on all course syllabi. The statement sent to management for approval is as such: <i>To learn effectively, you must have your basic needs met: a roof over your head, a safe place to sleep, enough food to eat and stable mental health. If struggling to meet any of the basic needs, a list of resources can be found here: <a href="http://roquecc.edu/counseling">roquecc.edu/counseling</a>. To contact the Counseling Center directly to speak with a counselor for more personal assistance go here: <a href="http://roquecc.edu/counseling">roquecc.edu/counseling</a></i></li> </ol>
<b>Inservice</b>	Originally, Faculty Senate was going to present a poster session of G.I.F.T.S and some sessions. We will send an email out to the entire Senate and ask if anyone would like to present a G.I.F.T via Zoom.
<b>Faculty Senate Graduation Speaker Selection</b>	Due to the uncertainty of how/when graduation will take place, this agenda item will be pushed forward to the May meeting for discussion.
<b>Koffee Klatches</b>	Koffee Klatches have been well-attended on Wednesdays at 9am. Cathy has shown up regularly. Juliet has been invited to answer questions and ask questions of faculty. Discussions have included going online for summer, scheduling and rescheduling Zoom classes that conflict with each other, access to science labs for filming content, etc.



<b>Accreditation</b>	<p>The NWCCU Accreditation visit is officially over. We received three commendations and five recommendations.</p>
<b>Co-Chair Nominations</b>	<p>Nominations for Faculty Senate Co-Chairs are open. Marina has served her two years and Mary has concluded her year filling in for Chelsea Fine.          Tracy Redd has volunteered to serve. (Mary and Deb offered to help Tracy with the FS Spring term activities as Spring is the busiest time for her) Marina is willing to continue the newsletter with a subcommittee to help with content and writing.          An email will go out to all faculty to solicit interest.</p>
<b>Attending Board Meetings</b>	<p>Board Meetings occur on Tuesday evenings (via Zoom now) and are open to all RCC staff and the public to attend. Faculty Senate has three minutes to speak to the Board; it does not have to be a Co-Chair. Preserving that three minutes is very important to the mission of Shared Governance. Moving forward, Mary would like to an agenda item dedicated to asking who would like to attend the meetings.</p>
<b>Next Meetings:</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Next meeting:</b>  <b>All Faculty Meeting</b>  <b>Friday, May 24</b>  <b>10 a.m. - 12 p.m.</b>  <b>Via Zoom</b> </p>