Dear Senators,

I am very grateful for the strong turnout and very thoughtful discussions at Monday’s Faculty Senate meeting. As you know, the Senate did pass two motions, 1) to approve the Fall 2020 Academic Calendar and 2) on Faculty Discretion on Course Delivery Methods During the Pandemic Emergency. Attached are copies of the text of each motion. These will be published on the Senate website after the minutes from Monday’s meeting are approved at the next meeting of the Senate.

The Agenda Committee has been meeting every Monday and has organized two Senate meetings this summer. We will meet again on Monday, July 20. Unless something urgent comes up, we will then be taking a break for a few weeks. However, vice chair Rose Came and I will continue to meet with the provost on a weekly basis.

**UPDATES**

- During the New Business section of Monday’s meeting, there was a proposal to prepare a motion in response to the ICE rule change that would affect international students if they had to take all classes online. Fortunately, that rule was rescinded yesterday [https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/07/14/891125619/ice-agrees-to-rescind-policy-barring-foreign-students-from-online-study-in-the-u](https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/07/14/891125619/ice-agrees-to-rescind-policy-barring-foreign-students-from-online-study-in-the-u)

- **TONIGHT** (Wednesday, 07/15, at 7 pm), a Town Hall Q&A webinar with President Dean and Town of Durham officials will be held via Zoom. Here are the details from the Town's newsletter:
In an effort to be very proactive, Durham and UNH, working collaboratively, have organized a Zoom Town Hall Question and Answer session with UNH President Jim Dean, Provost Wayne Jones, Vice President for Operations Chris Clement, UNH Police Chief Paul Dean, and Durham Police to discuss and answer questions from the Durham community surrounding the planned reopening and resumption of UNH classes/operations this fall. Mr. Selig will moderate the session. There will be an opportunity for residents to pose questions in writing as part of the Zoom Town Hall.

When: Jul 15, 2020, 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Please click the link below to join the webinar: [https://unh.zoom.us/j/94916930116](https://unh.zoom.us/j/94916930116)

Or Telephone: US: +1 646 876 9923 with Webinar ID: 949 1693 0116

A link to this webinar will be available after the fact if you are not able to watch it live.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- The Agenda Committee is working with the chairs to identify appropriate charges and issues for the Senate to focus on this fall. The three most pressing areas are 1) how best to teach and operate during the pandemic crisis 2) the financial implications of the crisis and 3) moving forward to address racial inequities. Please do contact me or your committee chair if you have any specific ideas or concerns about how the Senate can work in any of these areas or on other urgent issues.

- Please continue to submit comments, questions, and suggestions to the reopening survey link [https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_25kuKfsLhLGmoiV](https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_25kuKfsLhLGmoiV). Results are shared weekly with the provost and the reopening teams. Attached is the report of all results received to date.

- As usual, please share this newsletter with your department colleagues.
Best wishes and stay well,

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