

College of Education Senate  
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The Senate convened at 9:00 am. Sincere thanks to Maggie Peterson for presiding over today's meeting in Dan's absence.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved unanimously, after Maggie moved and Dawn seconded that we approve them.

**Dean's Report:**

1. Building and space

a. Basement flooding: Significant flood -- fourth one since July of 18. Dean has expressed her concerns down the hill, and there's some movement now. One flood was related to HVAC, one was pipe fitting, one the men's bathroom. We have been placed on the Capital Improvement Plan, which is difficult to get on. She doesn't know where we fall on the list, but we're told it will be 8-10 years before our concerns will be addressed. She is trying to locate space on campus that we can use. Clean-up of the current mess is well underway. Jennifer wants the renovations to be less "piece meal" and to create more of a flow to the building. She'd like to see 1107 incorporated into the lobby area on the first floor, to see it become a type of demonstration classroom and gathering place. Maggie asked how campus deals with the damage to chattel. Jennifer said what's owned by the university will be replaced by insurance. No personal materials are covered,

though. She hopes to fill a claim with the State and to seek campus money for replacing personal belongings. She encouraged us to report EVERY instance of damage and loss. We should copy Val Foster on all requests. There is light at the end of the very long tunnel.

b. Kelly asked about the question from last year concerning the furniture, white boards, etc., in the classrooms. Jennifer says chalkboards are out -- glass boards are in. We're seeking as many rooms as possible to be outfitted with the latest technology. Portable chalkboards will likely be available, as well as moveable tables.

2. Dean's Lecture Series -- She met with Brit Kirwin last week, and he's on board to join us. She would like, also, to have someone in-house facilitate a discussion about the broader issues of equity in education. It's under thought and discussion. David suggests that we collect questions beforehand, to share with Brit and to guide the discussion. College is sponsoring a session for faculty, staff, and students first, on March 6th. Questions persist around how State and counties will share/allocate funds for the Commission recommendations, which are clear. We should have time to make recommendations ourselves about how we can shape the implementation of the Report.

3. The dean was delighted with the February CoE retreat/assembly at Stamp, especially the better representation from students this year. It has left us well-positioned to move into further discussions on equity and inclusion issues. Ebony and Jeremy will lead the Open Forum discussion on March 1st, from 1-3. We're going to have different topics across our sessions to bring about a stronger community.

### **Open Forum Update**

No further questions or thoughts beyond what was discussed in the Dean's Report.

### **Proposed Amendment to College Plan of Organization**

We confirmed that the Senate has approved the amended Mission Statement. This and other items will be bundled for a broad vote of the entire College.

### **Sustainability Committee**

Nothing further to add at this time.

**Awards Committee:** Kelly reported that things are underway. March 15th is deadline for submission of names. They're "good to go."

**Faculty/Staff Affairs (Yang, David, Jennie, Jill, Peggy, Dian) --** Jennie asked what the committee DOES. Jill explained that we have no official charge, but we're focusing on mentoring and promotion prep.

Upcoming dates: March 11th, PTK promotion workshop (12-1:30), March 5th TTK (12-1:30) promotion workshop.

Yang asked about the Avatars. Dan is encouraging us to take advantage of the program.

Dian reported on the Staff meeting. Discussion included upcoming summer picnic and further opportunities for gathering.

**Diversity/Inclusion** -- This was covered in our discussion of the upcoming Open Forum.

Announcements: Next meeting March 29th. We were encouraged to make nominations for awards and reminded to report to our individual constituencies. See list in the agenda.

Dian moved we adjourn at approximately 10:00. Kelly seconded it, and we all approved. Then we moved to committee meetings.