**Academic Affairs Committee**

**Minutes**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

**6:00 P.M.**

**VIRTUAL MEETING per state law and Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order**

**Call to Order 6:02PM**

**Roll Call**:

* Blum Present
* Cline Present
* Harris Present
* Lahiri Present
* Mainieri Present
* Nikolaou Present
* Peterson Present
* Phillips Present
* Spranger Present
* Toth Present
* Hurd (Provost’s designee) Present
* Paolucci (UCC liaison) Absent

**Order of Business:**

1. Documents provided to committee members in advance of the meeting: Approval of committee minutes
	* *Minutes#7AAC11.18.20*
	* Changes: No changes proposed
	* Motion to approve: Cline
	* Second: Spranger
	* Roll call vote:
		1. Blum Aye
		2. Cline Aye
		3. Harris Absent for vote
		4. Lahiri Aye
		5. Mainieri Aye
		6. Nikolaou Aye
		7. Peterson Aye
		8. Phillips Aye
		9. Spranger Aye
		10. Toth Aye
2. Discussion and endorsement of alternative language for item 3 for tabled Textbook Policy:
	* Documents provided to committee members in advance of the meeting:
		1. *Policy 4.1.3 Textbooks CURRENT Copy*
		2. *Policy 4.1.3 Textbooks MARK UP*
		3. *Policy 4.1.3 Textbooks CLEAN Copy*
	* Item tabled on the floor based on concerns raised on the floor regarding contracts with book venders
	* AAC chair met with several stakeholders to come up with two alternate language options to address the concerns expressed on the floor
	* Committee thought the second option was most appropriate to address the concerns
	* Motion to approve the policy with the second language option: Cline
	* Second: Peterson
	* Roll call vote:
		1. Blum Aye
		2. Cline Aye
		3. Harris Absent for vote
		4. Lahiri Aye
		5. Mainieri Aye
		6. Nikolaou Aye
		7. Peterson Aye
		8. Phillips Aye
		9. Spranger Aye
		10. Toth Aye
3. Debriefing based on invited speakers’ presentations and discussion of next steps for the IDEAS Graduation Requirement Proposal.
	* Questions about what our next steps are
	* Desire to send the proposal back to originating group for updated language based on new university definitions of terms and other questions that have been raised
	* List of recommendations for ad-hoc committee, with hopes of completion by February 12:
		1. Incorporation of university definitions of diversity, inclusion, equity, and access
		2. Review of the learning objectives based on the new university definitions and evolution of knowledge since original proposal, including self-reflection piece taken out of latest proposal
		3. Consideration of possible incorporation of anti-racism and/or social justice into the proposal
	* Committee will work on draft recommendation regarding the proposal for the Senate floor as the ad hoc committee works

**Adjourn: 7:00PM**