Faculty Senate Talking Points: April 21, 2020:

- The CARE Act will provide about $7M in federal funds, based on enrollment. One-half is intended only for students and will be administered through the Financial Aid office. The other half will go to the University as cost-recovery for COVID-19 expenses, although our expenses far exceed that amount. Most likely, the majority will go for housing and food refunds to students. More updates will come later.

- Promotion & Tenure (P&T) extension: the extension of the P&T timeline was approved yesterday by the President. This Emergency Policy provides opportunity for faculty to apply if they wish. P&T training will be offered via Zoom. The audience is everyone involved in the P&T process (faculty, administrators, staff), and training will cover the new P&T policy. We will offer the training twice, but the presentations will be recorded for those who are unable to attend.

- Long-term COVID-19 response: we are going to be online in the Summer. In the Fall, the plan is to be open as usual while we continue working with public health officials. At the moment, no decisions are final. We will continue to monitor, be safe, and prudent. We will be ready for quick changes if necessary and have contingency plans in place.

- Budget update: besides the cuts for fiscal year 2021, more cuts are coming from the state. With COVID-19, we suffered lost revenue, additional expenses, anticipated drop in Fall enrollment, and more. The recent memo from President Green has informed everyone about a state-wide hiring moratorium. To those people who have offered help, the suggestion is to work with their colleges. The most critical item is enrollment. Everyone is asked to do anything they can, such as a calling or writing notes to prospective students.

- Senate considered and approved/amended a number of FSH policies and Catalog items.

Important dates:

- The input requested by President Green from Faculty Senate and Staff Council on the recommendation regarding outsourcing of facilities is due on April 23rd, by noon.

- Next University Faculty Meeting: May 6th, 2020, 2:30-4:00 pm (PT), Zoom only. More information will follow.

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