Natural Sciences Chairs Council

April 6, 2020

1:00pm – 3:00pm, ZOOM

In Attendance: S. Pantula, S. McGill, K. Cousins, H. Qiao, T. Burch, B. Haddock, J. Torner, T. Valencia, L. Guzman, J. Fischer-Smith, D. Rinebolt, R. Hernandez

Announcements by Chairs

* Mr. Fischer-Smith announced the development department had hired a new person, Audrey Gastalone. She will be taking the place of Kevin Shaw.
* Mr. Hernandez gave an overview of the nominations for the faculty awards.
  + Teaching: Geraldine Fike, Guillermo Escalante
  + Research: Monideepa Becerra, Erik Melchiorre; Qingquan Sun; MaryAnn Schultz
  + Service: Nicole Dabbs; Joan Fryxell
  + Lecturer: Diane Vines; PeterChris Okpala; Tom Hernandez
* Mr. Hernandez also reported that John Sarli would serve as the Mace Bearer if commencement takes place.
* Department chairs gave an overview of their candidates for faculty awards.

Announcements by Administration

* Dr. McGill gave a scheduling update. The fall schedule build is now complete. Fall advising begins May 11th. Registration for fall semester begins May 21st.
* For the outstanding student awards, Dr. McGill sent the chairs a list of possible candidates from the departments. Chairs are supposed to get the recommendation for their department to Ms. Rinebolt by Friday at 1 p.m.
* Dean Pantula reported that for the winter quarter some departments’ DFW rates improved and some departments’ rates got worse.
* Dean Pantula announced that summer session classes are expected to be online classes.
* Dean Pantula also announced that Friday there will be an online open forum with President Morales where faculty can discuss their concerns, share ideas and ask questions. He encouraged faculty to attend.