

Faculty Senate Resolution on Faculty Responsibility for Methods of Instruction

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Whereas, it is the role of the Faculty Senate to express the collective opinion of the faculty to the administration of the college on any matter of concern to the faculty, and to provide for the administration a significant avenue for the dissemination, discussion, and evaluation of all matters of concern to the faculty; and

Whereas, the American Association of University Professors' Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities states that "*The faculty has primary responsibility for such fundamental areas as curriculum, subject matter and methods of instruction, research, faculty status, and those aspects of student life which relate to the educational process*" and that the faculty should have the final decision on such matters in all but exceptional circumstances; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate Zoom work group survey conducted fall 2019 reported that two-thirds of respondents expressed less than positive attitudes towards teaching in Zoom Rooms; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate Zoom work group survey conducted fall 2019 reported that 44% of respondents indicated they would be unlikely or very unlikely to recommend a Zoom class to their advisees; and

Whereas, prioritizing class delivery utilizing Zoom technology as number one for Manly and Summer Instruction Grants without faculty input on this decision disregards the faculty's role in shared governance; and

Whereas, the installation of Zoom technology in all classrooms on the Morgan and Scott County campuses and removal of white boards without faculty input on this decision disregards the faculty's role in shared governance.

Be it resolved that, the priorities for Manly and Summer Instruction Grants be determined by a committee whose majority is made up of faculty. The current priorities should be re-evaluated by this committee.

Be it resolved that, all future classroom, lab and other instructional facilities modifications require approval by a committee whose majority is made up of faculty.

Be it resolved that, the assignment of particular courses to the Zoom room method of instruction should be determined by the dean with input from the faculty teaching the courses in all but exceptional circumstances.