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**Consultative Committee**  
**9/17/2020, 11:40 AM**  
**Meeting Number 2**  
**Meeting online through Zoom**

Members present: Wes Flinn, Nade Sotirova, Clement Loo, Devon Johnson, Kristi Smith, Sheila Warner, Jessica Porwoll, Jasmine Pryor

Members absent: Jimmy Schryver, Fatou Jarju

Guests: Janet Schrunk Ericksen

Note taker: Clement Loo

***In these minutes:***

**(1) VCAA and Dean Janet Schrunk Ericksen - possible models for Spring 2021 semester**

- Presentation by VCAA and Dean:
  - Janet is part of system committee to plan for covid adaptation
  - We need to move with the planning since we're about to begin spring registration and need our calendar more concrete
  - System wide VC committee has met to consider the constraints and issues associated with the spring
  - Janet has also consulted with a wide range of stakeholders
  - Through this two options have come to the forefront (though there is still flexibility and other possible options)
  - Common themes of both models (both include not changing start and end date as a way to avoid difficulties associated with financial aid and loans)
  - Major issue is spring break: students that Janet has consulted with are in strong agreement that spring break seems to be a poor choice and the difficulty of addressing possible quarantine is excessive
  - So plans will try to preserve start and end date and eliminate spring break
  - Plan 1: same start and end date, no spring break, March 19 holiday still exists, second half of semester starts a week earlier, we would have 3 extra study days, exams would be extended by 2 days (73 instructional days)
  - Plan 2: reduces spring break to 3 days off spread throughout the semester, 74 instructional days with balanced semester halves, we have 2 additional study days (rather than 3), same number of exam days as status quo model
- Feedback from committee:

- WF prefers 2nd plan -- no breaks seems difficult, suspects that people would like to have a breather
  - Potentially difficulty: lab set-ups and the effect of offsetting sections
- JP: will it be the same delivery model as this semester
  - That decision hasn't been made but Janet is asking for it be faculty choice how classes will be delivered
- NS: prefers 2nd model
- JP: prefers 2nd model (also, talked to BSU students, who already agreed)
- CL: One thing to consider the need for exam time during instructional days for finals for 1st half courses
  - There is flexibility for moving the breather days -- might need to have extra days in the 1st half

**(2) Email to campus regarding mission of and contact information for Consultative Committee**

- Unanimous assent that the email looks good (just need to add Clement & Jimmy's emails)

**(3) Tour of Consultative Committee team drive**

**(4) Minute taking for future meetings**

- Unanimous assent to have minute taking assigned through a randomly ordered list

**(5) Work to take up for academic year 2020-2021**

- Talk to Bill Zimmerman about the tech plan
- Talk to Alison Friedly about an update for the communications plan
- Lack of informal community opportunities (i.e. water cooler time)

Date of next meeting: 10-1-20

Adjournment time: 12:25 PM

Submitted by Clement Loo

Date submitted to Digital Well: 10-1-20