Your Faculty Senate will meet on Wednesday, April 22, and you are welcome to attend. The meeting will begin at noon and conclude no later than 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be held via Zoom and the link will be circulated at a later time. The meeting agenda is shown below and relevant documents can be found on the Senate’s wiki site, available to all faculty with net ID:

https://wiki.rice.edu/confluence/display/SENATE/Home

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements
   a. Plenary Meeting
   b. General Education Working Group
   c. Open Enrollment
   d. Transcript Notation for Spring 2020
   e. Announcements from the Floor
3. Report from Officers and Committees
   a. Nominations and Elections Committee
4. Working Group Reports (None)
5. Unfinished Business (None)
6. New Business
   a. Motion for Additional Academic Relief in Spring 2020
      Due to the rising levels of disruption and stress resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, the Rice Faculty Senate adopts the following additional accommodations for Spring 2020:
      • Students in terminal masters programs may designate up to two in progress, letter grade, non-research courses as Pass/Fail for the Spring 2020 semester. Any courses designated Pass/Fail as a result of this motion will still be eligible to have the grades uncovered by the normal deadline for converting Pass/Fail grades to the letter grade earned (May 20th for Spring 2020 degree candidates and September 4th for continuing students). Additionally, an adjustment and provision will be made within the university’s degree audit system (Degree Works) to allow Spring 2020 courses with a grade of “P” to be eligible towards a terminal masters student’s degree requirements.
      • All continuing students (undergraduate and graduate) will have until June 1 to drop a course. All Spring 2020 degree candidates (undergraduate and graduate) will have until May 20 to drop. For undergraduate and terminal masters students, continuing students will have until June 1 to designate an eligible course Pass/Fail, and Spring 2020 degree candidates will have until May 20 to designate an eligible course Pass/Fail.
• The COVID-19 pandemic qualifies as an exceptional circumstance for the rules surrounding incomplete grades for all students. Any graduate student requesting an incomplete will be granted one.
• Undergraduate and graduate students will not be placed on academic probation, academic suspension, or dismissed from the program as a result of course outcomes in Spring 2020 without the explicit approval of the Dean of Undergraduates or the Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, as appropriate.
b. Motion to Approve the Proposal for an Entrepreneurship Minor
c. Motion to Approve the Proposal for the Center for African and African American Studies Graduate Certificate
d. Motion to Approve the Proposal for New Major Concentrations in the Business PhD Program
e. Motion to Approve the New Graduate Certificate Guidelines
f. Motion to Approve the Proposal to Modify the University Distinction in Research and Creative Work
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