



## MEMO

FROM: Steve Wojtkiewicz, Senator & Faculty Senate Secretary  
SUBJECT: August 2020 General Faculty Meeting (8/18/2020) Minutes  
LOCATION: Zoom  
Faculty Senate: <https://intranet.clarkson.edu/administrative/faculty-senate/>

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10 am. Meeting called to order by Senate chair Kevin Fite who welcomed faculty to the start of a new academic year.

- I. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Approved as distributed.
  
- II. Approval of the minutes of the May 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 General Faculty Meeting
  - a. Approved as posted.
  
- III. Certification of Degrees for August 2020 Graduates
  - a. Graduate Degrees. Motion to endorse as modified by J. Scrimgeour (T. Langen). Motion CARRIED.
  - b. Undergraduate Degrees. Motion to endorse as modified by F. Ormsbee. Motion CARRIED
  
- IV. Introduction of New Faculty
  - a. The following new faculty (Michelle Baxter, Rebecca Pelky, Emmanuel Asante-Asamani, Bin Xu, Arzu Colak, Rohan Crichton, Alison Mackey, Robert Williams, Michael Sacks, Yuan Zhang, Kwadwo Appiah-Kubi, Alicia Grosso, Simona Liguori, Ian McCrum, Joshua Bennett, Masudul Imitaz, Leo Yazhou Jiang, Wei Yan, Michael Bazzocchi, and Jan DeWaters) were introduced and welcomed to Clarkson.
  
- V. Remarks by President Collins
  - a. President Collins thanked everyone for their efforts in successfully executing the Fall 2020 semester reopening plan. He announced the rescheduling of the commencement ceremony for May 2020 graduates to the weekend of May 22, 2021. He briefly remarked on contingencies for modifications to instruction delivery due to COVID stressing that changes will be due solely to health and safety considerations. He also noted that there are approximately 250 students who have requested to be remote learners for the fall semester. President Collins also remarked on the increased dissemination of the activities of the President's cabinet on the website. He also remarked that the construction on Cheel is almost complete and also gave some updates on facility renewal activities at the Science Center and Woodstock Lodge. He also discussed the creation of Ginny's Garden and the relocation of the biodigester. He also noted that the use of renewable liquid gas on campus is being investigated. President Collins closed with comments concerning the importance of advancing the issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and shared governance and communication.

VI. Remarks by Provost Hannigan

- a. Provost Hannigan made note of her Provost's State of Academic affairs video presentation that she shared with the faculty on 8/17/2020 which provides data about student success, research, COVID-19 impacts on academics, re-aligning of academic resources, and her goals for the coming year. She also noted the importance of increased availability of mental health resources for both students and faculty and staff. Additionally, she also commented on the investigation of the use of the indoor space at Beacon to explore new notions of architecture to promote inclusion. Provost Hannigan commented on the need to complete a strategic plan this coming year to serve as a roadmap and also stated that her number one priority is to investigate racism in all of its manifestations on the campus including policy and procedures concerning student and faculty recruitment.

Meeting adjourned.