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WCCFT Membership Meeting February 3, 2021 via Zoom Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:04

1. The minutes of the December 16, 2020 meeting were approved 53 – 0 - 4
2. The agenda was approved 63 – 0 - 0
3. President's Report:
Jim Werner reported on NYSUT Higher Education Policy and ED39 meetings. Jim has been invited to attend meetings of the college's Pandemic Response Team (see item 5).
Negotiations have restarted. The meeting on January 15th was the first since the Covid shutdown. There will be another on Feb. 5th.
Summer pay for chairs should be in the Feb 4th paycheck. There is no word yet on the remote learning tech payments.
Discussion followed.
4. Overview of elections and initial call for nominations (RA Delegates): This semester there will be elections for the WCCFT officers and Executive Board members. There will be a separate election for NYSUT Representative Assembly delegates. The WCCFT can have 9 delegates. Two are continuing: Richard Courage and Claudia Cardozo, so there are 7 open slots. Nominations should be sent to Jim.
Christine Timm, Mary Lou Sgro and Laura Milhaven volunteered to be on the Elections Committee.
5. Open Discussion on Fall 2021: Jim reported that the WCCFT requested to be on the Pandemic Response Team last March but was refused. Now the WCCFT and CSEA have been invited to attend the Team's weekly update. Jim attended this morning. Information from the Team is posted on the College's website. Jim reported on testing for campus visits, WCC's being a possible vaccination site, and plans for Fall 2021.
Discussion followed. Points included were:
 - a. Chad Thompson – we **may** be remote in Fall 2021
 - b. What if we can't get vaccinated by September

- c. Will vaccines be mandated
 - d. Will counselors and academic support have to come in before faculty
 - e. Workspace and work conditions issues related to Covid.
 - f. Are spouses eligible for shot
 - g. How is additional Cares Act money being spent
 - h. Concerns about class size
 - i. Summer most likely remote
6. Reminders on voluntary work: Jim ended meeting with a reminder about voluntary work such as posting to Blackboard before the start of the semester and filling out Viking Success surveys.
7. New Business: none
8. Adjournment at 12:38

Minutes recorded by Rowan Lindley and Deirdre Verne.