**Agenda for virtual asynchronous Faculty Senate meeting from 23rd to 29th March 2020.**

**GEC Membership Proposals**

Please vote for one of the 3 options. GenEd (Council or Committee) membership document sent out as separate file.

**Cross Listing and Level Policies**

Please vote on proposed cross listing and on cross level policies. Policies and rationale sent out as separate files.

**Freezing Tenure clock for one year.**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1U5REApf-t-76UXh8TKAGoLlwy8WIMfSSyqCJbb5u9lA/edit>

Please vote on a proposal to allow faculty to voluntary freeze the tenure clock for one year.

**Military Student Short Term Leave proposal**

New revised version will go put soon and a vote on it will be organized.

**Athletes Missed Class Time proposal**

Please vote on proposal sent out separately.

In my role as Faculty Athletics Representative I have some concerns about our current attendance policy, specifically as it relates to missed class time for our student-athletes.

Dan Niederjohn.

**Chairs and student course evaluations.**

Please vote on proposal sent out separately.

The Faculty Senate calls on chairs and directors to be lenient in grading faculty on teaching if they have never taught online before and are now teaching online for the first time because of Covid19.

**Pass/Fail Information**

1. The Chancellor has made the decision that USG institutions will not move to a **Pass/Fail**grading scale.  Please see his note to USG presidents below:

*“Dear Presidents:  Some institutions around the nation have decided to shift to Pass/Fail grading after transitioning to remote education.*

*There are numerous technical challenges in the University System of Georgia to shifting to P/F, and, in addition, I believe we can trust faculty to teach and grade students effectively as they always have.  Therefore, we will not shift courses to grading P/F.*

*Please be sure to communicate this message to the appropriate people on your campus.” – Chancellor Steve Wrigley*

**General Questions for President and Provost**

*Will all summer courses be online?*

Students and faculty have to plan now for summer. Some students who are registering now may not want to take some courses onlone in the summer.

*Staff on site*

I recently became aware that Governor Kemp's March 16 [executive order](https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/executive-orders-0/2020-executive-orders) clearly orders that "all public elementary, secondary **and post-secondary**schools in Georgia **close** beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020, and shall remain closed through Tuesday, March 31, 2020, unless extended beyond that date." (which I think we all know, it almost certainly will be). The USG's [press release](https://www.usg.edu/%20coronavirus) on the same date says, as we all know, that instruction is going online but that:  "Institutions will remain open, with minimal staff physically on-site, to ensure continuity of certain services." So, the USG has essentially violated the Governor's executive order by staying open.  How can they get away with this? They have also, to my knowledge, provided minimal guidance about which staff are to remain physically on-site resulting in significant inequities -- both across campuses (ex. our different schedule) and between those staff being allowed to telework and those staff who are still being asked to come to work.

This alone seems a serious problem that we might want to say something about.  Not to mention the many important issues caused by the transition to online instruction which we already began discussing last week.I know there are good reasons for trying to carry on in so that our students can still learn and graduate, but I am concerned that this is being done in ways that is creating more problems than it resolves.

Thank you for highlighting this inequity and the potential danger to our valued and beloved staff colleagues. The administration and USG should apply as maximum as possible an adherence to the governor's order that universities shall close until March 31. Many staff at KSU were unnecessarily instructed to report to campus late last week and early this week. I understand that - at least in some areas - that has now been relaxed, and more staff now are permitted to work from home. We should inquire about the present state of affairs regarding instructions for staff, and urge for a true closure of the university and a release of all (perhaps with rare exceptions) staff from the obligation to report to campus.