

TCNJ STAFF SENATE
APRIL 15, 2020 MEETING MINUTES
ZOOM MEETING – 55 PARTICIPANTS

Chris Larthey presented on the Staff Recognition Awards:

- Nominations and winner's names were shared with President Foster
- There will be a video created that will be shared with college community announcing the winners
- Winners will still get parking space prize once we return to campus

Stephen Tomkiel – Special Events and Community Planning

- No updates on Event Planning
- Will Partner with Staff Recognition Award Committee to plan something once we are back on campus
- Committee received good submissions for slogans for the Staff Senate 20th anniversary
- “Celebrating 20 Years of Vision, Collaboration, and Service” will be the slogan

President Foster:

The President began her presentation by praising the staff for all they have done professionally, personally, and socially during the pandemic crisis.

President Foster talked about what is going on at the TCNJ campus during the pandemic.

Every Friday she will send a “Coronavirus Missive” to campus constituents.

The end of the fiscal year for New Jersey has been pushed back until October 1st. Cost of living raises or step raises that you were due have also been pushed back indefinitely.

The college is expecting lower first-year enrollments, fewer students returning for next academic year and assumes it will lose most of, if not all of, summer activities and revenue. The college is working to keep tuition, fees and room and board for next year down and is not planning the usual 4% increase across the board which further hurts our financial picture.

President Foster laid out 6 scenarios, all of which are being considered for Fall semester:

- 1) we are not back on campus and continue with remote learning
- 2) we are not back on campus and have decided to defer classes until October, November or January start
- 3) we are not back on campus and offer certain credit-bearing experiences, such as a gap-year experience for incoming first year students
- 4) we are only partially back on campus, much like this semester where some part of the semester may be on campus and some off; may be a staggered blended learning arrangement
- 5) we are fully back on campus but only temporarily
- 6) fall semester resumes fully with business as usual

President Foster believes that a lot more will come clear in the period between May 1-June 1 regarding what the incoming class will look like and how the summer is looking in terms of continued social distancing. Transfer admissions have been switched to rolling.

Commencement - There is a big virtual ceremony planned for May 21 with academic ceremonies possibly being scheduled for Sat. Oct. 31 and Sun Nov 1.

Nina Ringer: Liberal Learning Task Force – Senator Testimony Feedback Conversation and Update