



*Attendees: Jessie Affleck, Cynthia Alby, Alexandra Berglund, Linda Bradley, Rachel Bray, Eric Carlyle, Andrea Christoff, Hiller Crook, Nicole DeClouette, Valancia Devereux, Keisha Foston, Madison Gannon, Brain Gibbs, Christina Gillespie, JW Good, Jane Hinson, Miriam Jordan, Rui Kang, Melissa Martino, Russ Merritt, Nancy Mizelle, Bekir Mugayitoglu, Kim Muschaweck, Mike Newton, Olha Osobov, Marcie Peck, Stacie Pettit, Joanne Previts, Suzanne Roman-Oliver, Robert Sumowski, Natalie Toomey, Janet Turner, Stacy Waller, LaTeshia Warren, Julie Wilson and Stephen Wills.*

*Regrets: Diane Gregg.*

*No-Show: Jim Berger, Doyin Coker-Kolo, Heather Cox, Diedra Monroe, Lindee Morgan, Whitney Pope, Cheryl Reynolds.*

*Professional Leave: Chris Greer.*

**2:00 pm – 2:20 pm** Welcome, Noteworthy News, & Celebrations

#### **Faculty and Student Feed-Back Convocation Sessions:**

- **Small groups were effective** – Created a more personal atmosphere, encouraged student questions, and increased engagement.
- **Collaboration was valuable** – Involved all CoE faculty and blended TE, PLI, and current cohort students.
- **Student voices stood out** – Juniors and seniors offered especially meaningful perspectives during Q&A.
- **Overall positive experience** – Faculty enjoyed meeting prospective students; suggested better organization before dismissing to small groups.
- **Student-** Enjoyed the Maker's Space and Sensory Room.

#### **News:**

- New Alumni Welcome Center on Wilkinson Street. Please stop by and Visit

#### **Recognition**

- The Provost Office has open opportunities to apply for a small grants, with a deadline of **September 31**.
- Congratulations to Dr. Daine Gregg for securing a **\$31,000 grant** from the Council of Developmental Disabilities.

## Senate Updates

- **Parking update** – Situation is stable despite earlier concerns; premium spots remain available in the Liberty lot.
- **Emergency Contingency Plan** – A new policy will soon require all faculty to include a syllabus statement addressing what students should do in case of campus closure or emergencies.
- **Flexibility in statements** – Faculty may write their own context-appropriate wording (not boilerplate from the registrar).
- **Recent weather events highlight need** – Past disruptions (e.g., hurricanes, power outages) underscored the importance of clear emergency guidance.

## Doctoral Candidate Engagement

- Faculty are asked to provide input on hosting doctoral candidates for a campus visit to meet faculty, learn about research, and share interests.

## Special Leave Rubric

- The Provost's Office has approved a new rubric for special leave applications.
- Details will be shared soon, including variations across colleges.

## 2:25pm to 2:40pm Group Session Break out

### 2:40pm-3:00pm Collaborative & AI Projects

- Faculty teams shared projects, including special education seniors working with 5th graders using AI tools to create personalized tools to aid in working assignments.

## Teaching & Learning Strategies

- Faculty discussed teaching proper citation methods
- Shared practices using **AI** to encourage authentic student annotation and discussion.
- Emphasized resisting over-reliance on AI.

## 3:00pm-3:10 Closing Remarks

## Quotes & Reflections

“Living your values is an achievement...even if you aren't successful all the time.”

– Dr. John H. Lounsbury