The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from February 20 and March 19 were approved.

2. Chancellor’s Report—Andrew Martin, Chancellor

The Chancellor gave a high level over of the situation. In many ways it is a tale of two campuses: Danforth is surprisingly calm; not the story at medical campus working through a number of issues; unprecedented challenges to the clinical operation. This is taking most of the Chancellor’s attention and the business community.

Alternative operations began on March 23, essentially consistent with stay at home. The decision to move to online education has gone smoothly.

In terms of residential life, we packed and shipped over 4,000 essential materials; our peers did not do this. At this point, WashU is freeing up some of our apartments, the Knight Center, to make space for front line health workers, provide transportation and food, in case that space is needed to quarantine, or sleep once surge arises.

A Crisis response fund was created for the students, to help students financially.

Provost Crain made a report on the decisions made by Schools on the tenure clock, grading (pass/fail) and evaluations. Not all the schools had made the decision to extend the tenure clock by March. The default is as an extension, apply early rule. On the pass/fail option, the Schools moved rapidly, with a strong push from students. The decision was made at every school level, though not every school adopted this at the same level.

In the question/answer period, Senators asked about:

- What are the timetables for searches? Chancellor: Arts&Sciences will be announced soon, about Dean of Graduate School, an appointment will be made soon.
- On the tenure clock, assistant professors have a lot of stress, when will decision be made? The decision is up to Schools.
- Strategic Planning? Chancellor: start first of calendar year. Unreasonable to start. 9 months.
- Is there a faculty hiring freeze? Chancellor: we have a number of offers made, we are not going to pull these. But is there wisdom of going to back in market; not what we should be doing. We are working through this with the Deans. There will likely not be hiring on the Danforth campus, but the Medical campus has Clinical need. Later in the month a decision will be announced.
- Will this apply to post-docs? No.
• Students are asking about the ability to obtain mental health from off campus? Chancellor: medical licensing comes to play, HIPAA. The challenge is regulatory – provider licensed in MO, but licensed where students are. All we can do is point to them resources.
• On the capacity of mental health on campus? If we can get licensing resolved, we will add capacity as soon as possible. Physical space is a constraint. The peer counselors are still available. The Habif Center is still available, and we have some students still in St. Louis

3. Chair’s report – Leila Sadat, Chair

The bicampus report has been filed and we will work to see that it is implemented. There are repeated concerns about parking – what can we do?

In the area of online education, there are concerns about online and privacy. If classes are recorded, can they be assessed? For the international students, they get concerned. Can we look into this?

A remaining issue: what to do about the Faculty Achievement Awards.

4. Subcommittee draft – Leila Sadat, Chair

The FSC reviewed the draft of the Subcommittee formed to look at time pressing issues facing the campus. The subcommittee worked on three issues: the tenure clock, grading, and teaching evaluations. One issue brought up was that the faculty were still coming to the office, but this seemed to resolve itself.

On the third issue (grading), this has already been adopted by most schools, but the FSC decided to keep it in the document.

The FSC framed these as recommendations. This is a fast-moving situation; for example, on the grading issue we were in communication with students. It helped to know that the faculty were looking at this, reduced the level of panic and anxiety to have an optional pass/fail.

The recommendations were approved with a sense of the FSC.

5. New business

A question was raised about the security issue for Zoom classes. Can we make sure there is protection to reassure the students? The Provost said that Canvas provides that protection.

6. Executive session

The Executive session started at 3:44 pm

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy McBride, Secretary