**COM Faculty Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 8, 2025**

**Called in:** Dr.’s Taliaferro, Neychev, Andl, Mehta, Zhang, King, Kay, Prins, Chiarelli, Zervos

* Review minutes from last meeting**:** Changes were made to minutes and approved. Minutes will be posted to website.
* FC Leadership would like to empower each department FC representatives to ask their department chair for time at their monthly meeting to give updates. The FC president will send out an email to all representatives informing them, as part of there role with faculty Council they can schedule meetings with your department faculty to discuss issues/concerns. If there are any issues, the representative can then discuss them with their Chair and/or FC Leadership, who can address them with the Dean in their monthly meeting.
* Faculty Support Committee (previously the Advocate Committee: The Dean was okay with the name change. This committee would have no set committee members, and the faculty member needing assistance would have no say regarding who would be on the committee. The committee would have no more than three members, including a FC leader who will select additional members based on the faculty issue/concern.
* Next month’s meeting we will review the bylaws so they can be sent out for a final vote.
* Senate meeting updates: The email looking for new senate seats went out to everyone. There is a short window to vote. Five senator seats need to be replaced. To cut down on the need to replace five senators each term we would like to propose this year to have a staggered term. This would mean that units would have their senator do a one-year term, this would allow for a staggered term going forward.