Faculty Senate Agenda for August 2021

**Item 1# Guests**

Dr. Blanson 1:00

Michael McFarland- Mentoring program 1:10

Billy Hoya- Makerspace and more. 1:15

Billy Hoya is collecting pictures form covid- please add them to the link he provided. https://nhresearch.lonestar.edu/Pandemic/Image

Christine Ramsey- Library services 1:20

Chris Viser- Accommodations 1:25

Magdalena Mendoza- Interim VP Student Success 1:30

Holly Heil- CIS 1:35

Tara Edwards- Writing Center 1:40

Randall Paulk- OTS Changes and updates 1:45

Dr. McMillion 1:50

Questions for Dr McMillion- email questions to Casey or me and we will ask those questions.

North Harris Counselors- We lost our one Counselor to the SIP and it seems like there is no plan to replace her.  Is this true?  What can we do to address the students need for counselors on our campus?

Dr. Blanson is also looking into this issue as well. Counselors are trained LPCs and provide career counseling and other counseling. Very important for first gen students. CIS can connect people with resources in the community but cannot do these things. Student success and enrollment have been impacted and we as faculty believe that our limited supply of counselors is a major factor in these declines. Other campuses have 7 or 8 and we will have none.

Will we be limited two Fac Excellence awards winners this year?

**Item 2# Chair updates**

Erin- Cat V and Student Emergency Funds

Shirley- Faculty Emergency Funds

Janice- Fac Excellence Award

Julie- Faculty Institute/ Adjunct Bootcamp/ Professional Development Series

Traqina- New Champion of Diversity and Inclusion Award Committee members

Diversity Task Force- continuing the discussion about DEI concerns and implementing real change. Anyone is welcome to join- reach out to Casey Garcia or Bruce Martin. They will be reviewing the DEI survey results among other things.

**Item 3# Other news**

Permit less carry bill- will there be any changes to our syllabus policy in response to the changes in the law?- No

Covid 19 regulations- encourage you to wear masks and get vaccinated. Classrooms have been modified to allow for 3 feet spacing for the fall. We are still supposed to report covid.

**Item 4# Q&A Questions and concerns among faculty**