

- Dr. Rigole made a motion to seek approval for the October 2020 agenda item accepted by Dr. Bell-Corrales (Dr. Wengier, Second) Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes from October 2020,

- Motion to accept the October 2020 minutes with slight corrections. Motion accepted by Dr. Wengier. (Dr. Bell-Corrales, Second) Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report

Dr. Rigole thanked the Cg EMC nran[4 (()Tj /TT0 1 Tf 0.003 Tc -0.003 Tw [(S)-1 (A)5 (CS)-1 (CO)5 (

- The award will be based on the student's academic accomplishments, service to the community and scholarship. The Office of Graduate Studies would act *ex officio* to help run the award. Dr. Rigole stressed concern about students being able to self-nominate. The professor suggested faculty representatives should consider the candidates. Dr. Wengiers suggested each unit (School) should submit a candidate to eliminate the self-nomination process. Overall, the Council members should award the applicant.
- Dr. Lucas suggested faculty nominate representatives to the Council. Additionally, he asked if there will be a due date for candidates' packages and review. Dr. Rigole suggested waiting until next year for the first award. Dr. Bell-Corrales suggested the Council should work (this year) to form the award's construction and details.
- Dr. Lucas and Dr. Ervey asked if the award had a monetary value. If so, they suggested the award be announced as part of a scholarship named after the Provost, who is our academic leader. Dr. Rigole suggested we need differentia from graduate and doctoral awards. Dr. Ervey agreed stating the council (at this time) should only do the master's degree and later the Council can add certificate awards. Dr. Himangshu Pennybacker suggested the inclusion of the fall graduates.
- Dr. Spangler suggested a need for a rubric outlining levels of escalation and it follow any B

Announcements: The next scheduled meeting is March 26, 2021.