

**Report from the T-FSC Educational Policy and Faculty Student Relations Committee:** Shady Amin, David K Irving, Anja Jauernig, Alex Jassen, Robert Lapiner, Allen Mincer, and Robert JC Young

The Committee met with five student officers from the Student Governance Committee on November 10, 2020. There was no set agenda. The topics that rose to the surface were:

- a. Issues related to Zoom such as affordability of equipment, stability of internet connection, and time zones.
- b. Accommodation letters and directives from the Moses Center seem to be up for interpretation. The consensus of the committee is that an inquiry should be made as to the degree of compliance implicit in a Moses letter to a faculty member.
- c. Recording of classes. Faculty response to recording of classes varies with extremes from those who record all classes and make them freely available to those who refuse recording even for accommodation purposes. The barriers include intellectual property issues, especially for adjuncts, and possible use of recordings for evaluation. Also, the change that took place over the summer due to legal issues whereby faculty were no longer allowed to delete any class Zoom recordings, created an atmosphere wherein some faculty were uncomfortable recording their class. When recording a class is an accommodation issue the committee consensus on the previous point applies here too.
- d. Student Teacher evaluations. One fact that arose is that the students think if they write a negative review of a teacher or a class it might affect their grade. The students were unaware that faculty can read their evaluations only after submitting their grades. This can be corrected with transparent information about the STA process.
- e. A suggestion welcomed by the committee is to rethink the STAs to ensure that students can feel confident they are heard, and the faculty member can benefit from any constructive criticism either of their teaching skills or the class syllabus.