



Virginia Beach **MINUTES**

Date & Time: April 2, 2020 12:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Virginia Beach Senators Attending: Melanie Basinger, Health Professions; Angela Bell, Secretary, Health Professions; Wendy Buie, Counseling; Maureen Cahill, Arts and Humanities; Chris Cartwright, Engineering, Sciences and Math; Sam Duncan, Arts and Humanities; John Gallo, Engineering, Sciences, and Math; Sydney Gordon, Library; Kimberly Jones, Public and Professional Services; John Krenzke, Vice Chair, Social Sciences; Lauri Lawson (replacing Kathy Buhner), Engineering, Sciences and Math; Jared Oliverio, Computer Science and IT; Dania Sinibaldi, Chair, Engineering, Sciences and Math; Tom Williams, Arts and Humanities.

Senators Not in Attendance:

Guest: Virginia Beach Campus Provost, Dr. Michael Summers

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:34 PM.

I. **Review/Approval of February Minutes:** Minutes not available. Approval deferred to April meeting.

II. ***New Business:***

A. Senate membership and proposed hold until Fall 2020: In response to Covid-19, faculty discussed the need for current senate membership to remain in place until the fall 2020 semester and that new senator and officer elections be postponed until that time.

**Motion: Move to postpone senate elections and election of officers until Fall 2020.
Motion passed.**

B. Pass/Fail Grading & Communication of the new policy: Issues with regard to communication remain. Concerns include:

1. Students received information before faculty regarding new spring 2020 grading policy.
2. Need for a letter grade of "C" may be necessary for many disciplines/programs.
3. UVA and non-state colleges may not accept new grading scale.
4. No weight associated with "P+" for programs with selective admission. These programs recommend student receive a letter grade for program admission.
5. How does this impact military students receiving the GI bill?
6. How does this impact students on academic warning that may need a letter grade to improve GPA?

- C. Summer Classes online: Summer classes will be taught online. Faculty encouraged to talk to their Dean if they prefer not to teach online so that replacements can be found. Discussion regarding whether faculty will have to go to official online teaching training. Currently, remote delivery (synchronous/ asynchronous) does not require official training.
- D. Problems (and maybe solutions?) regarding teaching and learning from home: Issues impacting students include lack of access to printing, internet access, and computer access. It was noted that Chromebook does not work with some application features. The use of Respondus with web cam for secure online testing was recommended as an useful tool.
- E. Students who've not made contact: Students that have not made contact with the instructor since the transition to remote instruction will receive a grade of "W" at the end of the semester. No student will receive a grade of "F" for spring 2020.
- F. Larger Class sizes and Inconsistent Practice within a Pathway: Discussion regarding efficiency ratings and how they are determined took place. Faculty issues include: the inequity in class size for courses like ENG and MTH, allowing classes to run with decrease number of students on one campus and not others, classes being closed to early due to low enrollment. Faculty recommendations: Request Curt Aasen provide explanation of how efficiency is determined and how state funding is formulated. Request Pathway Deans explain their process for determining appropriate class size and class cancellation policy.

III. ***Division Report:***

- a. ***Social Science & Education***
- b. ***Business***
- c. ***Computer Science & IT***
- d. ***Arts & Humanities***
- e. ***Health Professions***
- f. ***Science, Engineering & Math***
- g. ***Public and Professional Services***
- h. ***Counseling***
- i. ***Library***

Old Business:

Next College Senate Meeting –April 9th Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Next VB Senate Meeting – Thursday, April 30, 2020 Virtual Meeting via Zoom

See the invites in your Outlook Calendar.

Close: Meeting adjourned at 2.02pm

Respectfully submitted, Angela Bell, Secretary