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**Chesapeake Campus
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

**November 26, 2019
Room 4202, Chesapeake New Academic Building**

2019- 2020 Senators:

*Elizabeth Briggs
Jennifer Hopkins
David Ring
Joseph Sych
Larry Nobles
Evgenia Harrison
Matthew Gorris
Swati Chokshi
Ruth Shumate
Rhonda Goudy*

Attending Senators:

Elizabeth Briggs, Chair
Jennifer Hopkins (Sec. / IDS)
Rhonda Goudy (Counseling)
Larry Nobles (RAC)
Matthew Gorris (CST – Theater)
Evgenia Harrison (MTH)
David Ring (ENG)
Ruth Shumate (Library)

Guests: Vy C. Calhoun (S.S.), Andrea Tomlin (HRT), Sean LaCroix (Econ.), Corbin Case (Student), Vincent Gary (Student Center), Dr. James Edwards (Chesapeake Provost)

Quorum achieved.

November 26, 2019 meeting minutes - approved.

Dr. Edwards:

1. (March 19) Faculty and staff Q&A with Dr. Conston – 12:30-1:30 Big Otter Room.
2. (April 22) Greenhouse Ribbon Cutting.
3. (Mar TBD) RAC will host Access College Foundation Counselors – from area High Schools to introduce them to RAC and TCC Career and Technical programs.
4. Due to unconfirmed report of GMU student diagnosis, TCC will increase sanitizer stations and awareness throughout TCC campuses.
5. Dr. Conston will establish a Campus Beautification Committee with involvement of the Chesapeake Horticulture Department (Andrea Tomlin) to improve the visual impact on students of the TCC campuses.
6. Dr. Conston will establish an Enrollment Task Force Chaired by Dr. Karen Campbell. Provosts will be recommending (1) representative per campus.
When asked if faculty will be represented on the committee, Dr. Edwards was unsure, but was receptive.

7. 4 of 23 VCCS Schools are still in decline with TCC among them. Chesapeake Faculty Senate members asked what the stabilized schools are doing, and have inquiries been made regarding practices that would help slow TCC decline.
8. Enrollment show Chesapeake campus is down the least (8%), followed by VB (9%), Portsmouth (12%), and Norfolk (14%). RAC and VAC appear to be down 7% each.

Elizabeth Briggs - Chair's Report:

1. Meeting with Dr. Conston by Faculty Senate Chairs –
 - a) Discussion centered on presenting the priority issues for faculty: Faculty Morale, Student Support, and Operations concerns (50-55 min.) Dr. Conston seemed to be student focused and open to all concerns.
2. Meeting with Dr. Edwards –
 - a) Bobby Thomas is the new Facilities Manager replacing Wayne Haymaker.
 - b) A student “Quiet Space” is located in Marcells old office, outside the Provosts office and is available to students.
 - c) The Chesapeake Campus Deans currently have no set office hours and this will remain the case, with Deans asked to leave a note on the door stating how they can be reached. *Senators wonder how this helps students in what is supposed to be a “Student – focused” model.*
 - d) An current managed in real time Organizational Chart for TCC was requested once more.
3. Academic Council Meeting –
 - a) John Morea discussed the interactive classroom and how more faculty and students might benefit from this mode of delivery. Current efforts cost very little due to advanced technology and help to prevent class cancellation by combining students on one campus with an active class on another virtually.
 - b) VA requirements for online and hybrid courses have changed. Course schedule information will be required in SIS that outlines the number of meeting dates/times so these courses can be taken without aid funding issues. Students now only need to meet once for 50 minutes to meet the full VA requirement rather than 50% of the course time in the past.
 - c) Changes to Developmental Math and Development English and the need for student support was discussed.
 - d) G3 initiative was discussed for Career and Technical programs. Stipends and funding are being worked out currently, with TCC and TCC SGA lobbying the legislature in Richmond.
 - e) A rationale for moving SDV 100 to Academics is being requested. This statement of need will better inform leadership of concerns for consistency and measured workload for this 1 credit required course.
 - f) 150 new students will be assigned to faculty in Fall 20 as first round of the Faculty Advising model. SharePoint / Advising Site has a list of Academic advising obligations for faculty reference.

Secretary report: N/A

Student Center report: The high school orientation event was a success. Summer event will be sometime in July.

The Farley Experience is running the Campus Cup with additional services being added over time such as online ordering and possible expanded menu items.

Advising report: New Advisor, has started in Counseling Department. Part Time employee is still needed. Faculty Advising training begins again Feb 11.

Library report: FT employee has started, Librarian position is still unfilled.

New Business:

Faculty Concerns:

- a. Faculty member Ian Boling has expressed concerns about liability for faculty regarding newly required Faculty Advising. Chesapeake Faculty Senate will ask Dr. Campbell about establishing written protection such as an indemnity clause to protect faculty from lawsuits related to faculty.
- b. David Ring expressed concern that many opportunities for funding such as the TCC Equipment Trust Fund are not announced in a timely manner by our leadership, and many faculty and Chairs do not know these funds even exist. Consistency in how faculty and chairs are notified about application timelines and requirements would be useful.

Old Business:

- a. Enrollment - The old Enrollment Task Force has not reported on findings that may be relevant to our current enrollment concerns. Chesapeake Faculty Senate puts forward the following motion:
Motion: The Chesapeake Faculty Senate request the most recent Enrollment Task Force report their findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

Next Meetings/relevant dates:

February 6, 2020 – 1:00pm - 2:00 pm Faculty reception for Dr. Conston, Virginia Beach – Room TBD
February 6, 2020 – 2:00pm College Wide faculty Senate meeting, Virginia Beach - Room TBD
February 25, 2020 – Chesapeake Faculty Senate meeting 12:30pm, 4202
March 19 – Chesapeake Faculty/Staff Q&A 12:30pm-1:30pm – Big Otter Room
March TBD – RAC Access College Foundation Counselors session
April 22, 2020 – Greenhouse Ribbon Cutting

Meeting was adjourned.