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**Chesapeake Campus  
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

**March 24, 2020  
Remotely via Zoom Meeting**

**2019- 2020 Senators:**

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

*Ruth Shumate*

**Attending Senators:**

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

**Guests:** Sean LaCroix (Econ), Stacey Deputy, Aspen Roadcap (Student - SGA), Tyler Flannigan (Student Center), Leah Weaver, David Fisher, Jim Silver

**Quorum:** achieved.

**Minutes:** February 25, 2020 meeting minutes - approved.

**Elizabeth Briggs - Chair's Report:**

- i. Academic counsel Friday via ZOOM: G3 - presentation by Kellie Sorey. Applications are due by April for rollout in Fall 20. Funds will be available after the student's Financial Aid is exhausted and will be first come first served. A list of qualifying degree programs is forthcoming.
- ii. Dr. Edwards Meeting – Most campus events are postponed until further notice.
- iii. Thanks go out to Sarah DiCalogero, Chair of College Wide Faculty Senate who reached out to President Conston to get Spring Break extended so faculty could better prepare for remote delivery of courses.

**Secretary report:** Date will be amended on the February meeting minutes.

**Senior Leadership Meeting:** N/A

**Student Center report:** Vincent Geary reports that they are working on a “Virtual Student Center” via Canvas that will connect students with activities and resources. They will seek faculty partners in the development, implementation and promotion of the “Virtual Student Center.”

**Advising & Counselors report:** Counselors are still doing online advising. Rhonda reports a lower number of appointments than usual. Students can log into Navigate to schedule an appointment.

**Library report:** N/A

**New Business:**

- a. Communication Plan – Those attending reviewed and supported attached plan. No new feedback.
- b. LUMEN / OER – “Lower than \$40” pricing is being worked out by the TCC bookstore. Faculty can still use Lumen learning tool, however Z-Degree status is still up in the air.
- c. Chesapeake Faculty Senate Elections- Seeking information on how many years each voting senator has been on senate. CFS Chair will reach out to confirm and update faculty Senators’ status. Elections are in April.
- d. CFAC – Collecting outstanding issues from all schools regarding remote instruction. Report all ideas and concerns to Stacey Deputy.
- e. Smaller VCCS schools are boosting Wi-Fi to extend to the parking lots to create areas where students in need can access College Wi-Fi. CFS Chair will ask administration about this option.
- f. Student Accommodations: Presidents Council issue (Via Sara DiCalogero)  
Students who due to exceptional circumstances cannot continue - accommodate in a consistent way.
  - i. Suggestion 1: A voucher program for students who need to withdraw. They will not get a refund, but get a voucher to retake a course without additional cost (voucher). Vouchers are low cost. Adding a student to a class that is already running but has not hit the cap costs TCC very little...other than faculty time.
  - ii. Suggestion 2: Virginia Tech, ODU and other institutions are implementing a PASS/FAIL option for Spring 20 semester only in which the student with a grade of C- or better can choose to receive credit only for the course without impact on their GPA. This would be optional and valid through the last day of instruction.
- g. Faculty wonder if the current environment might cause drastic increase in enrollment.
- h. Computers for students program is still running – Contact Gary Noah

([gnoah@tcc.edu](mailto:gnoah@tcc.edu)) or the Program Website:  
<http://computers4studentsuccess.org/> for details on availability an application for students who need a computer.

- i. Remote delivery for summer session classes until further notice.
- j. Faculty would like consistent delivery of information (changes to withdrawal dates etc.) as many faculty did not receive that and other important information. Conflicting messages or lack of communication on key updates via Pathway remains a concern.

**Old Business:**

- a. Enrollment Decline – First remote meeting of the Enrollment Task Force went well. The group has identified barriers to enrollment. Each week a theme is addressed and recommendations are made. Seems to be running smoothly and making meaningful suggestions.
- b. Faculty Priorities 2019-2020 remain in place and are being addressed when practical.

**Next Meetings/relevant dates:**

- a. April 9th (may change) College-wide faculty senate meeting, Virtual Zoom
- b. State wide Tornado Drill – Postponed
- c. Dr. Conston Chesapeake campus Meet and Greet, Big Otter Room – Postponed
- d. Greenhouse Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Postponed
- e. April 28th – 12:30 PM - Chesapeake Faculty Senate meeting, Virtual Zoom

**Adjourn:** Meeting Adjourned

**Additional chair notes:**

- a. Upcoming various implementation dates:
  - i. Pace assignments - Fall 2020
  - ii. New Gen. Ed Core. Competencies- Professional Readiness Rubric
  - iii. Adjunct faculty evaluation plan (still pending approval) implementation set for no earlier than 2020 – No updates
  - iv. **Faculty advising – Expanding Fall 2020 – no updates**