



Virginia Beach **MINUTES**

Date & Time: November 19, 2020 12:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Virginia Beach Senators Attending:

Chair: Dania Sinibaldi, Engr, Science & Math

Vice Chair: John Krenzke, Social Sciences

Melanie Basinger, Health Professions

Maureen Cahill, Arts and Humanities

Chris Cartwright, Engr, Science & Math

Sam Duncan, Arts and Humanities

John Gallo, Engr, Science & Math

Kimberly Jones, Public and Prof Services

Laurie Lawson, Engr, Science & Math

Jared Oliverio, Computer Science and IT

Tom Williams, Arts and Humanities

Senators Not in Attendance:

Wendy Buie, Counseling

Cheryl Nabati, Library

Amy Shay, Health Professions

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:37 PM.

II. Review/Approval of September Minutes: September and October minutes approved with corrections.

III. New Business

A. Designated Senator still needed: no volunteers

B. Remote learning issues: none brought up

C. Faculty Senate Open House Holiday Zoom Party: Dania Sinibaldi, Maureen Cahill, and Melanie Basinger will plan a Zoom party for Virginia Beach faculty on Friday, December 11, 2020.

D. Faculty advising

1. Some faculty members who had volunteered over a year ago to advise students were still being told to begin advising students they were mistakenly assigned last month. The Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs has stated that faculty members who were not already formally advising students at the beginning of this academic year will not be required to do so during this semester.

2. There was discussion about some of the shortcomings that have been identified in the EAB Navigate system that was planned to be used to assist student advising.
 - a. There is no ability for academic program heads to communicate with all students in the program simultaneously.
 - b. In that part of Navigate that guides students to different programs through their responses to questions, there are some program specialties to which no student will ever be guided by the questions.

E. Student enrollment issues

1. Students are unable to enroll themselves for courses in some health professions specialties (physical therapy assistant, occupational therapy assistant, emergency medical technician are some), so faculty in these programs must enroll students in their programs for them. This is a very time-consuming task.
2. The issue has been raised with administration previously, but the problems that keep students from enrolling in courses required for these specialties have never been resolved.

F. Textbook committee:

1. The college-wide committee that had been previously announced to study textbook issues has been disbanded.
2. Faculty within the pathways will determine textbook policies for their pathways.

IV. Chair's Report

A. TCC College-Wide Senate

1. The TCC Faculty Senate met on November 5, 2020.
2. The motion submitted to the TCC Faculty Senate by the Virginia Beach Faculty Senate "that administration share with faculty any COVID cases or exposure with faculty weekly, to include: number of cases (including zero), campus and building, timeframe, and actions taken by the college" was unanimously approved.

B. Academic Affairs Council Staff

1. The Academic Affairs Council Staff met on November 13, 2020.
2. TCC is considering changing to a semester consisting of 5-, 10-, and 15-week courses.
3. TCC may conduct a 3-week "mini-mester" in spring 2021. Faculty Senators commented that the quality of these courses must be maintained, and enrollment goals should not supersede integrity in deciding if these courses are offered.
4. The Academic Affairs Council Staff also discussed current enrollment status, student services, the Memorandum of Understanding with the city of Virginia Beach, president's cabinet topics, Virginia Community College System topics, the Re-Employ Virginians initiative, the TCC Information Systems Committee, academic planning, and program viability.

V. **Division Reports:** No reports

VI. **Old Business:** None

Next College Senate Meeting – December 3, 2020 at 2:00 pm, Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Next VB Senate Meeting – January 28, 2021 at 12:30 pm, Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Close: Meeting adjourned at 2:06 pm

Respectfully submitted, John Gallo, Secretary