



Virginia Beach **MINUTES**

Date & Time: April 29, 2021, 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

Sam Duncan, Arts and Humanities

Kimberly Jones, Public and Prof Services

John Gallo, Engr, Science & Math

Laurie Lawson, Engr, Science & Math

Jared Oliverio, Computer Science and IT

Cheryl Nabati, Library

Amy Shay, Health Professions

Ian Springer-Woods, Arts and Humanities

Senators Not in Attendance:

Wendy Buie, Counseling

Chris Cartwright, Engr, Science & Math

Tom Williams, Arts and Humanities

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM.
- II. **Review/Approval of March Minutes:** March 2021 minutes were approved..
- III. **New Business:**
 - A. Ian Springer-Woods was one new Senator for the 2021-2022 term in attendance at the meeting. He will be filling a currently vacant Senator position for Arts and Humanities. All other Senators will remain on the Senate for at least another year. There are currently six Senator positions that are vacant: 1 in Business; 2 in Science, Engineering, and Mathematics; and 3 Adjunct Faculty.
 - B. Nominations and elections for Faculty Senate officers for 2021-2022 were conducted. Dania Sinibaldi will be chair, Maureen Cahill will be vice chair, and John Gallo will be secretary.
 - C. There was discussion about the need for a faculty pay equity study. It was agreed to raise the issue at the TCC Faculty Senate. The governor of Virginia has announced a planned 5% raise for all state employees, to include full-time and adjunct faculty, on July 1.

IV. Chair's Report

- A. College-Wide Senate met on April 1. Topics discussed included TCC full re-opening on June 1, changes in faculty rewards and awards program, program review, and highlights of meeting between Senate Executive Committee and TCC Vice Presidents for Academic and Student Affairs.

- B. VB Leadership Team met on April 16. Information from meeting provided to Virginia Beach faculty in newsletter sent by campus Faculty Senate chair. It was pointed out that if a parent wishes to discuss grades or attendance with a faculty member, the faculty member must secure signed permission from the student: no discussions with a parent should occur without the student being present.

- C. Academic Affairs Council met on March 26. Topics discussed included Governor's G3 - Get Skilled, Get a Job, Give Back - initiative, 5% pay raise effective July 1, program review, renaming of "dual enrollment" to "smartpass" by the VCCS, TCC's LEAP program to encourage high school students to take summer courses with full funding. The next meeting is Friday, May 7.

- D. TCC Faculty Senate Executive Committee met with Dr. Woodhouse and Dr. Campbell on March 29. Topics discussed included safety protocols for campus re-openings, once-a-month summaries of communications to faculty, inequitable chair duties across disciplines, program evaluations and job security concerns, criteria for class cancellations and combinations, policies for co-listing courses, duplication of PACE assignments to students, due dates for course syllabi to deans, final grade deadlines, and advance notice of students concurrently enrolled in other colleges and universities.

V. Division Reports: No reports

VI. Old Business: None

Next College Senate Meeting – May 6, 2021 at 2:00 pm, Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Next VB Senate Meeting – August 26, 2021 at 12:30 pm, Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Close: The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 pm

Respectfully submitted, John Gallo, Secretary