



Portsmouth Campus Faculty Senate Minutes

Friday, November 19, 2021* at 12:00 PM

Location: Virtual via Zoom

**Meeting held one week early due to Thanksgiving break.*

2021-2022 Senators

Tiffanye Sledge (SSE) - Chair, Geraldine Woodberry-Wright (ESM) - Vice Chair, Kimberly Lee (SSE) - Secretary, Stephanie [Missy] Comer (Library), Debra Dart (BCI), Harlan [Skip] Krepcik (MT), Derek Laws (ESM), Catherine Merritt (HP/Nursing), Darryl Perkinson (ESM/Adjunct), Calvin Scheidt (BCI)

Attendees

Brittney Shorts, Missy Comer*, Debra Dart*, Elizabeth Harris, Katina Harris-Carter, Skip Krepcik*, Derek Laws*, Kimberly Lee*, Darryl Perkinson*, Tiffanye Sledge*, Carmelita Williams

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Quorum: MET

- I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 12:06 PM.
- II. Correction and Approval of Previous Minutes – October 29, 2021 minutes approved with edits
- III. Guest Speakers – No guest speakers
- IV. Reports
 - A. Faculty Senate of Virginia – no update
 - B. Pathway Reports – no updates
 - C. Adjunct Faculty – no update
 - D. Academic Affairs Council (Sledge)
 1. Please remind students we have CARES money
 2. Telemental health should be available for students in the spring
 3. Faculty have access to Employee Assistance Program for mental health; contact insurance company
 - a) Suggestion for employees: find provider first then call insurance company to see if you can have them added
 - E. Student Services – No update
 - F. Library Services – (Comer)
 1. OER course for faculty will be available Jan 24-Mar 6 (Missy Comer is facilitating the course)
 - G. Other Committees/Planning Groups – No update
 - H. Campus Chair Report (Sledge)
 1. In process: stipend paperwork for program prioritization

2. Administration has responded to the CWFS motion regarding the equity and compression studies:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ibnbiFMRIGfXbgq44YWvBsA5MP8Z93r3/view?usp=sharing>
3. Password reset notifications are now fixed as of 11/12/2020; VP Aasen was unaware there was an issue
4. MFA: (VP Aasen) most MFA issues have been resolved; recommended that faculty attend a drop-in session for assistance or contact the Help Desk
5. Important for Nursing: Nursing is receiving \$53M from VCCS
6. The board is pushing for more focus on workforce were we are seeing the most gains
7. Workforce received the Lumina grant (one of six schools in the country)
8. TCC looking to offer space to the Casino for them to train staff; this may impact our classroom space
9. TCC was recognized by Newsweek as one of America's Best Colleges for online learning
10. Other Information
 - a) Awaiting response regarding the 24-hour turnaround for grades
 - b) Learning Institute is Jan 5 & 6; there is concern over returning that early and may be presented as a motion from a faculty senate
11. Other Reminders
 - a) Grant and scholarship money available for Spring
<https://forms.tcc.edu/tcc-scholarship-form-2021-2022/>
 - b) Students who need a laptop: <https://forms.tcc.edu/laptop-request-form/>
 - c) We have a new International Student Advisor: Heidi Decker (hdecker@tcc.edu) located at the VB campus in the counseling suite.
 - d) Advisor Assignments: be reminded that each pathway is now assigned an advisor
 - e) New TransferVA website: March 2022 launch date
 - (1) Info on TransferVA
[https://www.schev.edu/docs/default-source/about-section/council-files/2019-council-meetings/may-2019/hold-transfervaintro---\(lee%27s\).pdf](https://www.schev.edu/docs/default-source/about-section/council-files/2019-council-meetings/may-2019/hold-transfervaintro---(lee%27s).pdf)

V. Open Business

- A. Return to Campus Concerns (ongoing)
 1. Issue of DE students being added over course capacity with no approval from faculty
 2. As of now, social distancing will be lifted in the spring; returning to full capacity
 3. Concerns about no social distancing with potential changes to mask mandates and vaccinations that may evolve
 4. Discussion of how a class runs with only three students when others do not run; why the inconsistency?
- B. Equity and Compression Studies – see Campus Chair Report
- C. Transfer VA – see Campus Chair Report
- D. Multi-Factor Authentication – see Campus Chair Report
- E. Revisions to PFS Bylaws
 1. There will be suggested revisions emailed soon for vote

- VI. New Business
 - A. Reopening Campus Elections
 - 1. Motion to reopen campus elections; motion approved
 - a) Motion to nominate Debra Dart for PFS Chair for remainder of 2021-2022 term; motion approved unanimously
 - b) Motion to nominate Gabrielle Penington for Student Services; motion unanimously approved
- VII. Other Items – none
- VIII. Next PFS Meeting – Friday, January 28, 2022 via Zoom.
- IX. Adjournment – Meeting ended at 1:51 PM.

Minutes recorded by Kimberly Lee, Secretary.