



Portsmouth Campus Faculty Senate Minutes

Friday, January 28 at 12:00 PM

Location: Virtual via Zoom

2021-2022 Senators

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

Attendees **denotes senator*

Debra Dart*, Kimberly Lee*, Stephanie [Missy] Comer*, Harlan [Skip] Krepcik*, Derek Laws*, Gabrielle Penington*, Darryl Perkinson*, Tiffany Sledge*, Carmelita Williams, Elizabeth Harris, Evelyn Coutee, Janice Felton, James Brockington

Quorum: MET

- I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 12:04 PM.
- II. Correction and Approval of Previous Minutes – November 19, 2021 minutes approved with edits
- III. Guest Speakers – No guest speakers
- IV. Reports
 - A. President's Council (Sledge)
 1. Delaying student MFA deadline to May at the earliest
 - a) There are training videos and Zoom training sessions for students
 2. Reminder: 2022 TCC DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. VIRTUAL AWARDS & RECOGNITION PROGRAM, Feb 25, 2022 from Noon – 1:30 p.m.
 - a) Distinguished Service Award
 3. Administration has KN95 masks, not N95 masks
 4. New Covid reporting form is going well
 - a) Can report for yourself or others
 - b) Cannot find the new reporting form on the website, needs to be addressed
 - c) Recommend posting in Canvas for students
 5. Visual Arts Center renaming process in progress
 6. Workforce: Virginia Ready is looking to employ 100 teachers in 100 days; Tesla put a pause on the solar training due to Covid interference; Introduction to Wind Energy class will still be offered on Saturdays at the Skills Trade Academy
 7. Housekeeping is sanitizing everything; report any issues to your dean, housekeeping, or security
 8. TCC has 2,000 Covid test kits, but delivery process is still being determined

- a) If covered by VA state insurance, each person covered under your plan is eligible for reimbursement for 8 Covid tests every month available over-the-counter
- 9. Enrollment looks good, but average number of credits is down
 - a) Asking faculty to encourage students to take classes
- 10. Dual Enrollment is up 32%
 - a) Why are we putting high school students in compressed, online courses?
 - b) Faculty do not always know which students are DE
 - c) We now have DE students in our classes from different school systems, but don't know what the home schools are or who home counselors are
 - d) Conflict of interest issue between needing to delete or withdrawal students for non-attendance versus keeping DE students
 - e) Suggestion of having an open faculty meeting with Terry Eusebio regarding DE issues
- 11. TCC Emeritus Faculty have to be at TCC for 10 years, but higher education for 15 years
 - a) Lifelong access to college events, email, library resources, and payroll resources
- 12. Smithfield Foods is funding 10 employees to apprentice through Mechatronics Associate Degree program
- 13. USNCC (United States Naval Community College) Pilot Program: has asked TCC to apply for a grant for the Organizational Leadership program
- 14. Academic Excellence and Service Awards on May 3, 2022
 - a) Student recognition program
- 15. Biden administration authorized \$198 million for community colleges; more on that to come
- 16. Portsmouth City Council approved street name to change from Freedom Avenue to TCC Drive
- 17. Rivers Casino Portsmouth – Fence banners have been down for weeks; negatively impacts aesthetics upon entering the campus from Victory Blvd.
 - a) Debra Dart will email Dean Hathorn to inquire about getting them fixed
- 18. Youngkin Proposed Budget: Adding 20 million for cyber security which may help our program; our capital funding was not reduced in his budget; so far, he has not repealed the 10% pay raise budgeted for state employees by the previous administration, so we are still expecting to get a 5% pay raise next year and another 5% the year after
- 19. Masking – As of now, VCCS and TCC still have a masking mandate
 - a) Problem with some of the Virginia Beach campus buildings as they are partially funded by the Virginia Beach Public School System who is not requiring masks
 - (1) Students are temporarily being noted as “visitors” when on campus to circumvent this issue
- 20. Misty Lyon is the new Dean of Enrollment Management
- 21. Program Prioritization is currently paused; when rebooted, faculty will be involved from the beginning

- B. Faculty Senate of Virginia – no updates
 - C. Pathway Reports
 - 1. SS&Ed (Lee) – Program Learning Outcome (PLO) Assessments; Beginning Adjunct Growth and Development Plan (AGDP) evaluations; the SS&Ed Pathway is in transition as Pathway Dean Jenefer Snyder moves to her new AVP position and Discipline Dean Johnna Harrell moves to the Pathway Dean position; there is no word at this time on an interim Discipline Dean
 - 2. BCI (Dart) - PLO Assessments; updating programs impacted by TransferVA; Continuing with AGDP; Pathway Advisory Board; Reminder that Civic Engagement and Personal Readiness are supposed to be assessed this semester
 - D. Adjunct Faculty – no update
 - E. Academic Affairs Council – no update
 - F. Student Services (Pennington) – Starting Feb 1 students will be able to make advising appointments in person (pending Covid restrictions) and through Zoom; currently they are not dropping students for nonpayment before attempting to get students scholarship or grant funding; Crystal Stafford is now the permanent Advising and Student Success Coordinator; Open House on Feb 12 is tentative
 - 1. Nice, codified Service & Support page for students
 - a) Link is only identified as “Service & Support” on the website menu, not “Student Service & Support”
 - b) Link needs to be added under the Student webpage hyperlink section
 - (1) There needs to be a hyperlink to graduation information under this section as well
 - 2. Need the link for Student & Services under the Student web page hyperlinks
 - 3. Need more obvious link to graduation under the Student web page hyperlinks
 - G. Library Services (Comer)
 - 1. OER course for faculty will be available Jan 24 – Mar 6 (Missy Comer is facilitating the course); currently has 9 enrolled; Currently several positions are open and they are a little short staffed (Librarians may help from other campuses)
 - H. Other Committees/Planning Groups
 - 1. President’s Advisory Professional Council (Sledge)
 - a) Dr. Woodhouse is looking at reducing the Zoom course caps, possibly by summer
 - (1) Overcrowded classrooms was not addressed
 - (2) What is the equitable way faculty decide which students have to share a desk space? Administration needs to develop a policy
 - (3) (Dart) Casino is slated to take over The Firm, but Computer Labs are tight for social distancing and The Firm could be used for that
 - (4) PFS will formulate a motion to ask administration to address the Casino taking over classroom space (The Firm)
 - I. Campus Chair Report (Dart) - No update
- V. Open Business
- A. Equity and Compression Studies – Executive Senate is drafting a response to the administration response to the motion

- B. Transfer VA – ITE 115 and ITE 119 is going away and replaced in ITE 152 ; TransferVA Portal is going live in March 2022
 - C. Multi-Factor Authentication – As per above, student deadline is now moved to May at the earliest; there are training videos and Zoom training sessions for students
- VI. New Business – As per above:
- A. The need to add links for Student Services
 - B. Motion to be drafted asking administration to address the Casino taking academic spaces
- VII. Other Items – None
- VIII. Next PFS Meeting – Friday, February 25, 2022 via Zoom
- IX. Adjournment – Meeting ended at 2:00 PM

Minutes recorded by Kimberly Lee, Secretary.

ADDENDUM

On February 2, 2022 at 9:55 PM, Debra Dart, Portsmouth Faculty Senate (PFS) Chair, emailed all PFS senators to vote on a motion asking administration to address concerns regarding the impact of Rivers Casino Portsmouth. The full text of the motion can be found here: [PFS February 2022 Motion](#). The motion was unanimously approved.