



Portsmouth Campus Faculty Senate Minutes

Friday, February 25 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), Tiffanye Sledge (SSE)

Attendees **denotes senator*

Debra Dart*, Kimberly Lee*, Stephanie [Missy] Comer*, Derek Laws*, Catherine Merritt*, Carmelita Williams, Staci Forgey, Tiffanye Sledge*, Calvin Scheidt*, Elizabeth Harris, Katina Harris-Carter

Quorum: MET (lost quorum at 1:11 PM)

- Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 12:05 PM.
- Correction and Approval of Previous Minutes – January 28, 2022 minutes approved with no edits
- Guest Speakers – No guest speakers
- Reports
 - President’s Council (Sledge) – VCCS Pathway initiative: which we will eventually have to align with, waiting on more information on when this will begin and how it will be implemented; the institution will have some flexibility - Rivers Casino Portsmouth, significant revenue coming from use of The Firm; An equity study was approved; Dual Enrollment might be affected by “Laboratory Schools” which is a current legislative initiative; Dr. Woodhouse and Dr. Snyder are working on Wellness program for faculty; Both Zoom-based and Asynchronous course caps to be reduced by 20% beginning SU22; Faculty Senate of Virginia – (Dart) From state budget: we are still supposed 5% increase + \$1000 bonus each year; 5 mil will be deposited to VRS to improve funding; Education Gag Order Bill: Moral & Character; bill in congress
 - Pathway Reports
 - SS&Ed (Lee) – no update
 - BCI (Dart) – no update
 - Adjunct Faculty – no update
 - Academic Affairs Council
 - Working on hands free doors for bathrooms to make ADA compliant
 - Negotiations in final phases of new bookstore vendor
 - Workforce implementing mobile welding lab
 - Workforce doing a CDL Expansion - will help get the waitlisted students enrolled
 - Chancellor removed mask mandate, but masks and sanitization will still be available

- Push for classes to return back in-person
 - Deans and Program Heads must add more on-campus courses
 - AD Astra will be used (likely for Spring 2023) for scheduling
 - Student Services (Pennington) – no update
 - Library Services (Comer) – no update
 - Other Committees/Planning Groups –
 - President’s Advisory Professional Council (Sledge) – no update
 - Campus Chair Report (Dart) – no update
- Open Business
- New Business
 - Can we implement a supply drive for students?
 - (Merritt) Nursing students need community service.
 - Can we create a subcommittee to develop this? Dean Hathorn needs to approve.
 - TCC Newsletter can be utilized.
 - Mask Mandate Lifted VCCS
 - TransferVA ramping up in terms of curriculum.
- Other Items – None
- Next PFS Meeting – Friday, March 25, 2022 via Zoom
- Adjournment – Quorum was lost at 1:11 PM.

Minutes recorded by Kimberly Lee, Secretary