



Virginia Beach **MINUTES**

Date & Time: February 24, 2022, 12:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Virginia Beach Senators Attending:

<i>Chair:</i> Dania Sinibaldi, Engr, Science & Math	John Krenzke, Social Sciences
<i>Vice Chair:</i> Maureen Cahill, Arts & Humanities	Jared Oliverio, Computer Science and IT
Jason Armstrong, Adjunct	Cheryl Nabati, Library
Melanie Basinger, Health Professions	Tiffany Putman, Counseling
John Gallo, Engr, Science & Math	Amy Shay, Health Professions
Alan Holck, Adjunct	Ian Springer-Woods, Arts & Humanities

Senators Not in Attendance:

Kimberly Jones, Public and Prof Services	Laurie Lawson, Engr, Science & Math
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- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM.
- II. **Review/Approval of March Minutes:** January 2022 minutes were approved.
- III. **New Business:**
 - A. Senators whose terms are expiring were asked, in the upcoming month, to invite volunteers to serve as Faculty Senators for the next two years and hold pathway/department elections as needed. New Senators will be invited to attend the April Faculty Senate meeting.
 - B. There was discussion about improving the process that students use to register for classes. There were reports of students misunderstanding the campus and method of instruction for the classes in which they had registered. Suggestions included having a means, such as popups, in the registration process that forces students to confirm their choices of campus and method of instruction for their classes. This topic will be raised at the next college-wide Faculty Senate meeting.
 - C. There is concern that people on campus are not wearing masks, as required by policy.
- IV. **Chair's Report**
 - A. College-Wide Senate met on February 3.
 - B. A motion was passed by the college-wide Faculty Senate requesting that administration reconsider taking academic space on the Portsmouth Campus and offering it to the Rivers Casino for its use, in apparent violation of policy.

- C. Other topics discussed included the TCC President's rejection of a salary compression and equity study requested by the Faculty Senate, the potential impact of multi-factor authentication on academic work of students, insuring that closing campuses due to inclement weather does not impact online classes, current status of TCC hotspots, updating the TCC website, and bookstore issues.
- D. VB Leadership Team met on February 4. Topics discussed included sneeze shields in classrooms, ID cards for evening students, and bookstore issues
- E. Academic Affairs Council meets again on February 25.
- F. TCC Faculty Senate Executive Committee discussed the President's decision to reconsider doing an equity study and concerns regarding the loss of instructional space at the Portsmouth campus to the Casino.

V. Pathway & Division Reports:

- A. Health Professions: Faculty are experiencing stress due to several administrative changes.
- B. Counseling: All references to "counseling" are being removed from the job description of all current counselor positions. Additionally, as people in counselor positions leave TCC, their positions are being redesignated as "advisor" positions, with lower salaries. There will be a long-term impact on TCC students, since the counselor role is being downgraded.

VI. Old Business: None

Next College Senate Meeting – March 3, 2022 at 2:00 pm, Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Next VB Senate Meeting – March 31, 2022 at 12:30 pm, Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Close: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, John Gallo, Secretary