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**Chesapeake Campus Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes**

**August 30, 2022 - 12:30pm
CAB 4202**

2021-2022 Senators:

*Elizabeth Briggs
Kevin Brady
David Kiracofe
Jennifer Hopkins
Kevon Easley
Heather Fitzgerald
Andrea Tomlin
Mary MacDougall
Libby Jakubowski*

Attending Senators:

*David Kiracofe
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Guests: Sean LaCroix, Vincent Gary, Stacey Deputy, Adriel Robinson, Matthew Gorris

Quorum: Quorum called at 12:35PM

- I. Approval of Minutes – April 2022 (approved unanimously)
- II. Chair Report (Elizabeth Briggs) – College faculty senate chairs met with Dr. Woodhouse and discussed status of several previous senate motions:
 - a. matters related to Program Prioritization;
 - b. issues with SIS and student course registration:

System was reconfigured to encompass all VCCS schools, not just TCC, and so was confusing to students. Proposal to reconfigure to be TCC-only. NOVA has such a system in place to serve as model.
 - c. Professional development funds:

It has been observed that these are available, but underused. Center for Teaching Excellence will have a role, and information is now parked in Canvas. There is still the

ongoing issues with the functionality of Chrome River for accessing, documenting use of funds.

d. The Equity Study:

During Convocation it was announced that the equity study was going to happen, but faculty were concerned that the announcement did not include mention of a salary compression study as part of it. This was the faculty's main point of contention in requesting the study.

e. Better acknowledgment of adjunct contributions:

It was broached whether emeritus status might be extended to adjunct members of the faculty, but VCCS policy does not allow for that. Other ways of acknowledging the contributions of adjuncts were discussed.

f. President Chat:

President Conston will be on Chesapeake Campus on September 22 in the Student Center.

g. There is a consensus that Chesapeake remains the friendliest, most lovable campus.

III. Old Business – N/A

IV. New Business:

a. Enrollment:

Enrollment is down approximately 10% at this point. (it is unclear whether this includes Dual Enrollment since public schools are not yet in session). Discussion ensued on factors related to this such as the impact of academic probation, and various holds on student retention. It was also noted that the lack of availability of in-person classes (compelling students to create mixed schedules of f2f, zoom, online, courses was creating frustrations.

Agreement among senate that initiatives to address such complex problems required specific measurables.

b. The College Website:

In the interest of all (students and faculty) it was observed that the website is not user friendly. The chair (EB) requested faculty inform her of specific issues and problems so a catalogue of these can be presented to the webmaster(s).

c. A motion was made to present at the College-wide Senate meeting:

Faculty senate move that the Campus Testing Centers offer Saturday hours.

Motion passed unanimously.

d. 2022-2023 Faculty Senate Goals :

A number of proposals were voiced, including addressing issues around scheduling, grievance procedures (badly needing updating after the restructuring of the college), issues with the Bookstore; and problems with adjunct retention. It was further noted that findings from a faculty survey related to the Bookstore needs to be made public.

V. Secretary Report from David Kiracofe:

The Secretary is humbled by the trust that has been place in him.

VI. Student Center Report from Vince Gary:

Gary urged faculty to make sure students were aware of the need to acquire an official TCC ID card. Student Center continues to hold numerous transfer events, and student activities such as the upcoming "ThinkFast" quiz game.

VII. Advising and Counseling Report from Libby Jakubowski:

Counseling is in the busy season, but she will be able to make a fuller report at the next meeting. Faculty were reminded that Accessibility letters are now sent out the first date a class meets.

VIII. Library Report:

No report was made.

Next meetings + relevant dates:

THURS, September 1 - @ 2:00 PM via Zoom College Wide Faculty Senate

MON, September 5 - Labor Day, No Classes

THURS, September 22 - @ 12:30 PM Chesapeake Student Center – Dr. Conston Chats with the President

TUES, September 27 - @ 12:30 PM Campus Faculty Senate Meeting

TUES, November 8 - Election Day, No Classes

Meeting adjourned at 2:15PM.

Submitted, in hopes that it reflects the spirit and temper of the senate, if not the exact letter, by David Kiracofe, Sec.