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Chesapeake Campus Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2022 - 12:30pm
Virtual - ZOOM

2021-2022 Senators:

David Ring
Kevin Brady
Elizabeth Briggs
Jennifer Hopkins
Larry Nobles
Missy Comer
Andrea Tomlin
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Attending Senators:

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Guests: Sean LaCroix, Vince Gary, David Kiracofe, Matthew Gorris

Quorum: Met

- I. Approval of Minutes – October 2021 (Approved)
- II. Chair Report (Dave Ring) –
 - a. Academic Affairs Meeting – No meeting
 - b. Campus Leads Meeting – January meeting has been rescheduled to today, late afternoon.
- III. Old Business –
 - a. Program Prioritization Process (stipend?) – No update
 - b. New semester lengths—how’s it going for everyone? No real discussion since those in attendance seemed more concerned with item IV.a. below.

IV. New Business –

- a. Concern about wording of the Inclement weather message sent out on January 20, 2022 through TCC Alerts – Faculty voiced concern over the wording of the following TCC Alert message:

*“Due to the inclement weather, Tidewater Community College will close at **2 p.m. today, Thursday, January 20, 2022**. All in-person and online classes, and activities, are canceled. TCC will remain closed, cancelling classes and activities on Friday and Saturday. Unless otherwise notified, college operations and remote work and learning will resume on Monday, January 24, 2022. Students should consult their course syllabi or with their instructors for information about how the college’s closing affects classes and assignments.”*

Concerns include:

1. Consideration of negative impacts of cancellation for online and synchronous classes had apparently not been considered. (Why were these cancelled if they are meant to be delivered remotely / not on campus?)
2. Consideration of negative impacts of cancellation for Dual Enrollment courses had apparently not been considered as well. (The public school districts depend on these courses but have different schedules and requirements. How do we honor our obligations to the high schools when TCC courses are cancelled?)
3. The impacts of class cancellation in online and synchronous sections that are compressed session lengths (3/5/7/10) had apparently not been considered. (Cancelling an online or synchronous class in these short sessions means vital content will likely not be covered for lack of time.)

In an attempt to get ahead of possible future weather cancellations, the Chesapeake Faculty Senate will seek clarification from leadership either through Academic Affairs or through the college-wide Faculty Senate about the wording of TCC Alert messages going forward. Who is in charge of sending TCC Alert messages? Is it possible to re-open at times that better correspond to the majority of our synchronous and F2F schedules?

- b. TCC Website – The TCC website continues to contain outdated information. Faculty seek clarification on who is in charge of the website and updates.
- c. Remote learning – Plans for returning to the classroom remain unclear. Will faculty and students return on February 1st or continue teaching remotely?

Due to time constraints, the remaining items were not discussed and will remain on the agenda for future consideration as applicable.

- d. Requirements for faculty [to teach online classes](#) (?)
- e. Response to Faculty Senate re: salary equity and compression study for teaching faculty
- f. [Student grievance policy](#) is not being followed as written (?)

- g. Inclusion of Passport section as part of SIS—question has been posed to Dr. Conston
- h. Confusion with PPS Pathway listing on college website
- V. Secretary Report (Jennifer Hopkins) – N/A
- VI. Student Center Report (Vince Gary) – N/A
- VII. Advising and Counseling Report (Libby Jakubowski) – N/A
- VIII. Library Report (Missy Comer) – N/A
- IX. Next meetings / Relevant dates –
 - a. SUN, Jan 30 @ 3:00 – Cincinnati Bengals v. Kansas City Chiefs / AFC Championship (CBS)
 - b. THURS, Feb 3 @ 2:00 via Zoom – college-wide faculty senate meeting
- X. Adjourn