

Portsmouth Campus Faculty Senate Minutes

Friday, September 1 at 12:00 PM

Location: Building A, A210 and Virtual via Zoom

2023-2024 Senators

Chair, Tiffanye Sledge; Vice Chair, Staci Forgey; Secretary, Kimberly Lee

Stephanie [Missy] Comer (Library), Staci Forgey (SM), Katina Harris-Carter (SM), Bronson Haynes (SM), Harlan [Skip] Krepcik (EMST), Kimberly Lee (SS), Catherine Merritt (HP/Nursing), Gabrielle Pennington (Counseling), Darryl Perkinson (SM/Adjunct), Calvin Scheidt (BCSIT/Adjunct), Tiffanye Sledge (SS), Matthew Woods (MT)

Attendees **denotes senator*

Tiffanye Sledge*, Kimberly Lee*, Missy Comer*, Skip Krepcik*, Cal Schiedt*, Gabbe Pennington*, Katina Harris-Carter*, Jesse Newton, Simonee Thomas, Geraldine Wright

Quorum: MET

- Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 12:05 PM
- Correction and Approval of Previous Minutes – April 28, 2023 minutes approved via email
- Guest Speakers – Dual Enrollment Team; not in attendance
- Reports
 - Campus Chair Report – Dr. Dore is very interested in faculty input; he’s looking at rebranding VCCS, noting that most of VCCS does not have Online campuses; NOTE: rumors of NoVA taking over all online VCCS representation is unfounded; faculty still do not have to report outside part-time or full-time employment; he’s focusing on workforce; VCCS-29 is being addressed, but are still working on elements regarding current employees; discussed the issues faculty are increasingly facing regarding politicized topics - Advising: we have faculty representation involved in shaping faculty advising
 - Pathway and Program Reports
 - no updates
 - CFTE – Batten Studio hours - please encourage faculty to utilize our Batten Studio Fellows (hours in CFTE calendar; see CFTE emails); recordings of previous CFTE sessions are accessible in their Resource Hub (e.g. Harmonize): https://docs.google.com/document/d/137GCGL8FKuPnzNvXOEsd7f_RGIMonVMi7BDodz3iCVQ/edit; CFTE offering DE focused sessions on Oct 26 @ 12:30pm, Portsmouth Batten Studio, and Nov 9 @ 12:30pm, Portsmouth Batten Studio
 - Student Services – 627 registered with educational accessibility; 728 who are considered “track and support” (students who are not officially registered, but have reached out); 334 who have requested their accommodations so far this semester; 162

- faculty have not signed, but 260 who have (keep encouraging faculty to stay on top of student accessibility; Pathways can request training from Beth Callahan, but there will be training through the Batten Studios soon
- Library Services – Will be involved with the new drone program in some capacity; also are a part of the Monarch Ready program - the hotspot program is a huge success - also involved in Passport for Success, an event hosted by Student Leadership- Faculty AI Resource (frequently updated) <https://libguides.tcc.edu/c.php?g=1313261&p=9654989>
 - Open Business
 - 2023-2024 Officer Elections held via email; unanimous approval: Chair, Dr. Tiffanye Sledge; Vice Chair, Dr. Staci Forgey; Secretary, Kimberly Lee
 - Call for people to step up for next year
 - Bylaws: updates are still in progress; K. Lee will follow up with task group this semester
 - New Business
 - Official appointment and welcome to Dr. Jesse Newton as Senator for Arts & Humanities Pathway
 - Discussion re: Human Resources paternal leave
 - The Commonwealth gives all new parents two months of parental leave, but this is difficult to implement with faculty schedules; TCC HR does not appear to have a fair policy in place to ensure that faculty are able to receive their full benefits
 - VA Policy:
 - <https://www.dhrm.virginia.gov/docs/default-source/hrpolicy/parental-leave-policy-4-21-6-26-180BFA850A134E.pdf?sfvrsn=0>
 - T. Sledge: will reach out to Beth Lunde and ask for TCC's parental leave policy and how it is implemented with faculty
 - Tide's Game Night, administration would like more representation at the event; some faculty are uncomfortable at the way the invitation was handled regarding the required TCCEF donation
 - Other Items – None
 - Next PFS Meeting – Friday, September 29 @ 12:00 PM
 - Adjournment – Meeting ended at 1:48 PM

Minutes recorded by Kimberly Lee, Secretary