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**Chesapeake Campus  
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**

**February 27, 2018  
Room 4202, Chesapeake New Academic Building**

**Attending Senators:** Kevin Brady  
Vincent Gary  
Sean LaCroix  
Stacey Deputy  
Jennifer Hopkins  
David Howell

**Guests:** Emily Wilson, Matt Gorris, Rick Alley, Michael Blakenship, Forrest Crock, Lisa Behm, Ian Bolling, Michael Tarpey, David Ring, Adriel Robinson, Sarah Stevenson, Jenny Dozier, Karin Pryor, Doug Thiele, Cindy Welch, and Elizabeth Briggs

The meeting began with an introduction by the chair of the Chesapeake Faculty Senate Stacey Deputy, who welcomed the group and called to order the regular meeting of the Chesapeake Faculty Senate.

Next, Stacey Deputy called for an approval of the minutes from the Chesapeake campus Faculty Senate meeting, yet Brady (who had the minutes) was running late. So, the Senators were unable to approve the minutes. Nevertheless, the group plans to approve the minutes at the next Chesapeake Faculty Senate meeting, which is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy proceeded to provide the group with a Chair Report, which included a brief update and summary of the college's implementation of the Academic Reorganization. The college's academic reorganization implementation generated much discussion and debate among the group members. In an effort to promote open dialogue, communication, and collaborative efforts at the college, the Chesapeake campus Faculty Senate developed a motion. Listed below is the final version of the motion that the Chesapeake campus Faculty Senate planned to present to the College-Wide Faculty Senate on March 1, 2018:

- We move that faculty senate be placed on the College Board Meeting agenda on March 13, 2018 and that a faculty representative be provided an opportunity to address the College Board.

Deputy concluded her Chair Report by informing the group that the administration is considering the elimination of Spring Break from the academic calendar (potential reasoning for this decision would be to increase the enrollment time at the beginning of each spring semester without pushing the college's graduation beyond a faculty's contract period or onto a weekday date, which does not generate a large crowd for the event. As the group discussed the potential effects of losing Spring Break, a representative from the college's Calendar Committee expressed frustration since their planning work and recommendations were not being taken into consideration with this potential change. Even though, the removal of Spring Break from the college's academic calendar is not being implemented, the group recommended passing a motion to keep Spring Break (it promotes student success and supports student retention at the college; the removal of Spring Break would be anti-recruitment).

After much discussion and debate among the group members, the Chesapeake campus Faculty Senate developed a motion. Listed below is the final version of the motion that the Chesapeake campus Faculty Senate planned to present to the College-Wide Faculty Senate on March 1, 2018:

- The Faculty Senate moves that spring break be preserved in the academic calendar. If spring break was abolished, it could negatively impact student enrollment and student success. Spring break is a recruiting tool for students, provides students with a much needed mid-semester break, and provides a time for learning opportunities outside the classroom both locally and abroad.

At this point in the meeting, Deputy left us (she did not die, she merely had another appointment/meeting at this time). Sean LaCroix and Kevin Brady proceeded to wrap up the meeting by providing the group with some updates about the various Pathway meetings (selecting a default curriculum as well as determining the electives within the various Pathways) as well as the importance of faculty members attending these meetings to promote their respective disciplines.

The group decided to table the Class Scheduling Policy Revision Discussion; Lynn Rainard's PACE Update; and Bobby Rowe's Advising Update for a future meeting. The meeting was then adjourned due to time constraints

**The next Chesapeake Campus Faculty Senate Meeting will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm in the Chesapeake Academic Building – Room (4202).**