

Norfolk Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 31, 2107, 12:30, Walker 3316

Attendees: Judy Gill (Chair), Jim Holden, Donald McGuire, Richard Gill, Shannon Ponack, Joe Joyner, Sylvia Ross, Phyllis Gowdy, Anne Pinkerton, Sarah DiCalogero, Terri Dees

Guests: Virginia Zillges

I. New Business addressed early due to scheduling issues

A. QM Program Certification

1. Dr. DeMarte is prioritizing this for programs with online courses
2. Concerns
 - a) *Full-time, currently online teaching faculty will be forced to do this unnecessarily*
 - b) *Programs not having measurable outcomes (which must come before Certification)*
 - c) *Impact of developing the program outcomes on the Program Leads' time*
 - d) *Confusion over schedules for students and for faculty*
 - e) *Whether courses will become one-size-fits all (which usually doesn't)*
3. Consensus: more details needed before Norfolk Faculty Senate can support QM Certification, and the issue needs to be brought to the attention of the College-wide Faculty Senate
4. Chair will raise the issue with the CFS, and provide NFS feedback to Online Learning Committee Chair

B. Student Online Orientation (presented by Virginia Zillges)

1. Created by OLC to get students Blackboard skills and online study skills
2. OLC recommending making this mandatory for online courses in the online programs (at present it's voluntary)
3. Orientation Draft Walkthrough
4. Discussion over whether and how this would be mandated
5. Discussion over STV versus Orientation

II. November's minutes

- A. Typo in II-h (from GEAP to GEARS)
- B. Accepted pending change

III. Chair Report

- A. Dr. Kolvani discussed budget: Reduction in Force likely, but not in Faculty
- B. Issue of iPads will be examined

IV. Review of College-wide Senate meeting

A. Faculty Lead Pilot has begun

1. 9 program leads, 36 discipline leads
2. Funds was for hiring Adjuncts to teach classes Leads can no longer teach

B. Activity hour: Going into place, but we have it here already

V. Old Business

A. Thomas Moss Scholarship

1. 50/50 raffle: winner donated net winnings back to the fund
2. Plans for spring semester: TBA

VI. New Business

A. Speaker funding

1. John Moore funding: that's for History speakers only, but cross-disciplinary speakers are OK
2. Discussion about Moore funds and alternative funds
3. No staff member is focused on this matter

B. Promotions Committee – Dr. DeMarte moving to make it a governance committee; Consensus in the NFS is that this is unwise and that it should be addressed in the CFS

VII. Next meeting – February 28, 2017 – 12:30 Walker 3316

VIII. Adjournment