

Norfolk Campus Senate

9/4/18

Attending: Sarah DiCalogero (Chair), Richard Gill (Secretary), Julia Arnold (guest), Judy Gill, Libby Watts, Ivory Warren, Meredith Pollard, Jeffrey Acosta, Diane Stanbach (guest), Cecilia Petretto (guest), Donald McGuire

Senate Chair Report

- There are several problems with faculty evaluations this year. Since the instructional designers have been laid off, there is no support for people who are in their summative evaluation year.
- As interim dean, Nancy Prather-Johnson will not be able to be the dean of record in the APPDP evaluations or in the summative evaluations.
- **A motion was proposed and passed that: summative evaluations this year should consist only of the five APPDPs and of the narrative and use of the E-Portfolio should be optional this year.**
- **A motion was proposed and passed that: the TCC College Senate should create an ad-hoc committee charged with improving the E-Portfolio too.**
- The membership by-laws of the campus senates should be changed to be compatible with the coming pathways structure. This will be discussed at the College Senate meeting on Thursday. Our current membership is two faculty members from each division, two faculty members at large, two adjuncts, one professional faculty member and one alternate at large.
- **A motion was proposed and passed that Norfolk Campus Senate membership associated with pathways will include five full time faculty members, one professional faculty member, two adjuncts and one member at large from any of the previous categories.**

Sarah shared a letter from a faculty member on the Portsmouth Campus expressing a number of concerns about the recent VCCS decision to make drastic changes in the supervision and evaluation of adjuncts. This topic will be covered at the College Senate meeting on Thursday. Some of the observations made during this discussion are listed below.

- It is not fair to elevate adjunct responsibilities without elevating adjunct pay.
- It is wrong to expect a whole new layer of adjunct participation while academic and technical support is being laid off at unprecedented levels.
- Deans and department chairs are over-extended as is.
- It is a very bad idea to evaluate adjuncts on their grade distribution.

A motion was proposed and passed and will be forwarded to the College Senate meeting on Thursday. **Mathematics should be removed from its current pathway and established as its own discipline with a college wide dean.**

The senate discussed logistics associated with history professors teaching humanities courses.

The senate discussed reviving the Moss Scholar Award. This conversation will continue next meeting on 9/25.

