



## MINUTES

Date & Time: August 27, 2015 12:30 PM

Location: Virginia Beach Student Center, K307

### **Senators Attending:**

**Monica McFerrin**, Chair, Humanities; **Mike Adams**, Secretary, Adjunct; Regina Bartlett, Humanities; **Kathy Buhner**, Natural Sciences; Rick Dienst, Social Sciences & Public Services; **Frank Futyma**, Adjunct, Information Technology & Business; John Gallo, Engineering, Math & Industrial Technologies; **Mark Greer**, Natural Sciences; Tom Hilton, Humanities; **Ellyn Hodgis**, Health Professions (College Faculty Senate Chair); Richard “Butch” Holtz, Social Sciences & Public Services; **Anne Mach**, Health Professions; Robert “BOB” Maynard Engineering, Math & Industrial Technologies; **Bill McNamara**, Information Technology & Business; **Gary Noah**, Information Technology & Business; Jim Roberts, Social Sciences & Public Services; Elizabeth Vihnanek, Library; Donna-Maria Walker, Adjunct, Humanities

### **Senators Not in Attendance:**

Susanne Rauch, Humanities;

\*\* **Bold font** denotes College Senate designated senators

**College Representative(s): Alison Harwell**, Counseling (**College Senate Counseling Representative**)

**Visitors/Guests:** Jennifer Valentine, Social Sciences & Public Services

- I. **Call to Order by** Chair Monica McFerrin at **12:33 PM**
- II. **Review/Approval of April 30, 2015 Minutes** as amended, accepted at 12:38 PM.
- III. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**
  - A. Opened for office of senate chair:
  - B. Jim Roberts and Ellyn Hodgis were the nominations
  - C. Vote was 11 to 7 in favor of Jim Roberts
  - D. Only nomination for vice chair was Ellyn Hodgis – Elected by acclamation
- IV. **Outgoing Chair Report**
  - A. FDEP change recommendations were accepted by VCCS and are in effect for the next evaluation period
  - B. The TCC e-portfolio is currently revision to incorporate the changes
  - C. The most recent revision to the faculty handbook (2015-2016) issue is online
  - D. The job posting pathway to credentialing is now in place
  - E. Campus emergency planning will be under review this term
  - F. The new TCC web site will be turned on in October.
- V. **Old Business (Outgoing Chair)**
  - A. **Computer Speeds/Issues** – Bill McNamara and Gary Noah are available to assist faculty in computer issues. There is nothing new to report.
  - B. **The Joint Use Library** computer lab on the second floor is experiencing intermittent print issues (students can't print).it was recommended that to get any priority for a fix, recommend to the students that they email the Provost, and copy the President with their complaint

**C. Open Dialogue on Academics with Dr. DeMarte**– With the success of the two previous dialogues, Dr. DeMarte would like to have another dialogue in the Fall of 2015 and Spring 2016. These dialogue sessions will be scheduled for 90 minute blocks during the scheduled activity periods, with NO set topics OR agendas. In support of this, the Virginia Beach Faculty Senate proposes three dates for each semester to accommodate Dr. DeMarte’s schedule.

The proposed Fall 2015 dates are:

**Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM.**

**Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM**

**Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM**

The proposed Spring 2016 dates are:

**Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM.**

**Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM**

**Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM**

- D. Recycling** – After further investigation, John Gallo reports that there is an effective and ongoing recycling effort on the Virginia Beach campus.
- E. SGA** Jim is going to establish contact with the SGA advisor, Sara Lupton and the new SGA President and report back next month.
- F. Snow Days – Inclement Weather policy** The proposal presented the April 2015 has resulted to a college wide change to the syllabi template(s) and the requirement that each instructor their own interpretation for the announcements
- G. Faculty Job Descriptions – John Gallo** – at appears that this has been rectified and requires no more attention.

**VI. New Business (Incoming Chair): -**

- A.** Bob Maynard has asked for help/guidance. Faculty would like to get some data tracking student success of the students that they have sent forward from each class as they build upon each subsequent course/module. At present they have NO idea as to the success or failure of their courses. Regina Barnet has volunteered to ask Curt Aasen for help in this, and Jim Roberts is going to address this issue with the College Senate to see if they are interested in this type of reporting. If so, then we could invite Curt Aasen or his delegate to visit the next College Senate meeting in Norfolk (October meeting)

**VII. Items from the floor**

- A.** In the past, the Workforce Development Department has provided student vouchers for students to take certification exams. With the new director of WFD, Dr. Corey McCray, the student voucher program has been abandoned, making it incumbent upon the student to pay 100% of the certification exam, where with the student voucher, this has saved the student at least 50%. This is impacting TCC with decreased enrollment as the students are going to institutions that are providing the vouchers.

**VIII. Next College Senate Meeting – Thursday, September 3, 2015.** Meet and greet at 1:30pm, meeting at 2:00 PM – Chesapeake Campus Student Center, 3300 Big Otter

**IX. Next VB Campus Senate Meeting – Thursday, September 24, 2015, at 12:30 PM location TBD**

**X. Close:** The meeting closed at **1:38 PM.**

*Respectfully submitted,*



Michael B. Adams

Secretary, Virginia Beach Campus Faculty Senate