



MINUTES

Date & Time: February 23, 2017 12:30 p.m.

Location: Virginia Beach Student Center, K-322

Senators Attending:

Tom Geary, Chair, Humanities; Mark Greer, Natural Sciences; **Angela Bell**, Health Professions; **John Krenzke**, Vice Chair, Social Sciences & Public Services; Bob Maynard, Division of Engineering, Mathematics & Industrial Technologies; **Kathy Buhner**, Natural Sciences; **Anne Mach**, Health Professions; Crystal Stafford, Counseling (College Senate Counseling Representative); Meredith Velasco, Adjunct, Humanities; Joseph Wayne Grimsley, Secretary, Social Sciences & Public Services; **Garrison Libby**, Library; John Gallo, Engineering, Math & Industrial Technologies; Richard Dienst, Social Sciences & Public Services; **Monica McFerrin**, Humanities; Susan Dozier, Information Technology & Business; Tom Hilton, Humanities.

Senators Not in Attendance: **Gary Noah**, Information Technology & Business; Cary Paulk, Adjunct, Humanities; and **Frank Futyma**, Adjunct, Information Technology & Business.

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

College Representative(s): Crystal Stafford, Counseling (College Senate Counseling Representative).

I. *Review/Approval of January 26, 2017 Minutes:* The Senate approved amended minutes at 12:35 p.m.

II. *Chair's Report:* The chair discussed several matters of importance in his report:

1. The chair explained how some state funding to VCCS institutions is dependent on number of students involved in programs for certificates with additional funding dispersed after students receive certificates. This funding has not been as closely monitored as it could be, and the college is planning extensively to ensure certificates are counted.
2. The chair said the Fiscal Year 2018 budget might include a 2-3 percent raise for state employees but also an increase in community college tuition.
3. The chair reported in the TCC Virginia Beach facilities update that the campus will repair a retaining wall around the pond, continue to protect the geese, and will not renovate buildings created in the 1970s (A, E, and F Buildings).
4. The chair announced that Virginia Beach Provost Michael Summers has at least 35 additional iPads for use by full-time campus faculty.
5. Senators discussed a Barnes & Noble lecture series, likely from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday afternoons at MacArthur Center in Norfolk, that is seeking faculty lecturers.
6. The chair relayed a strong message from Provost Summers that there is no truth to rumors of TCC faculty or staff layoffs.
7. The chair said that SharePoint has replaced InsideTCC, which is "officially dead."
8. The chair announced the VCCS invested heavily in powerful Customer Resource Management (CRM) software to track potential students through alumni.

9. The chair said local funds for student activities will drop \$50,000 every fiscal year until 2021, going from \$200,000 this fiscal year (FY) to none in FY 2021.
10. The chair said other budget cuts include \$300,000 from the Intercultural and Women's Centers and the possible closing of the Student Center at 7 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. More measures to reach the full budget cuts will be announced by President Edna Baehre-Kolovani via e-mail in the coming weeks.
11. Senators discussed the move of TCC forms to an online, simplified format.
12. The chair described the scheduled summer camps connected to the Virginia Beach campus.
13. The chair said that the Virginia Beach Student Center will have a new WiFi access code for events with large groups.
14. The chair asked senators to relay to faculty that they should verify the accuracy of their information in the E-Directory.

III. *Old Business:*

- A. New Faculty Academy:** The Senate approved unanimously a motion: "The Faculty Senate requests access to current syllabi and content for all three years of the New Faculty Academy for review and feedback." Senators reached this consensus after two new faculty members described their difficulties with the New Faculty Academy. These guests described a frustrating process which included late technology training, Friday drives from campus to campus at the expense of class preparation, the repetition of the same seminars, and a seminar on K-12 education that had "no scientific basis." Senators discussed the lack of transparency of New Faculty Academy materials.
- B. Faculty Leads Pilot:** The chair reported that Director of Institutional Effectiveness Curt Aasen spoke to Faculty Leads Pilot program heads regarding program outcomes and understanding data. Program leads have been tasked with creating program outcomes by the May Learning Institute.
- C. Full-time Organizational Chart:** The chair said that every TCC executive staff member was asked to create a detailed chart of every employee, number, and responsibility to increase transparency. The chair noted via Provost Summers that Daniel DeMarte, Vice President for Academic Affairs, hopes the enrollment decline will lead to an equitable distribution of resources among the four campuses.
- D. Enrollment and recruitment efforts:** The chair relayed college and campus enrollment numbers. Virginia Beach enrollment is down 11.0%, and college-wide, it is down 10.5%, making enrollment numbers the same as 2006. The chair also reported that the campus Retention Task Force had received ample feedback and data from a survey of over 1,900 students. Also, the chair announced that TCC will stop all television advertising and move toward all-digital advertising to keep up with for-profit college competitors.
- E. Professional Development Funds:** Senators discussed the process for faculty members to report any rejections of professional development travel requests to the chair or the College Senate chair. The Virginia Beach campus chair also said that only 33% of

Professional Development Funds have been used by faculty so far, or \$73,000 of the \$221,000 budget.

- F. Learning Management Styles:** Senators further discussed the impending decision at the VCCS level to continue with cloud-based Blackboard Ultra or change to a new learning management system by 2018.

IV. *New Business:*

- A. Student Center Proposed Fees:** The chair described a tentative proposal for faculty to pay a membership fee to use the Virginia Beach Student Fitness Center facility. These fees would be \$40 for membership in the fall and spring, \$20 in the summer, and \$100 for an annual membership.
- B. Violence Against Women training:** Senators discussed the Violence Against Women mandatory training e-mail(s). The chair said online education efforts on this subject ran into technical difficulties, leading to an extension of the deadline for this mandatory training.

V. *Guests:*

- A. Two new faculty members:** New faculty shared experiences and explained issues with the New Faculty Academy.

VI. *Next College Senate Meeting* – Thursday, March 3. Meet and greet at 1:30 p.m., meeting at 2:00 p.m. – Virginia Beach campus, room K-304.

VII. *Next VB Senate Meeting* – Thursday, March 30 at 12:30 p.m. in K-322

VIII. *Close:* The meeting closed at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wayne Grimsley
Secretary, Virginia Beach Campus Faculty Senate*