



MINUTES

Date & Time: January 29, 2015 PM

Location: Student Center, Room K-305, Virginia Beach Campus

Senators Attending:

Designated Senators:

Monica McFerrin, Chair, Humanities; Tom Geary, Humanities, Vice-Chair; **Mike Adams**, Secretary, Adjunct; Rick Dienst, Social Sciences & Public Services; **Frank Futyma**, Adjunct, Information Technology & Business; John Gallo, Engineering, Math & Industrial Technologies; Tom Geary' Humanities; **Mark Greer**, Natural Sciences; **Ellyn Hodgis**, Health Professions (College Faculty Senate Chair); Richard "Butch" Holtz, Social Sciences & Public Services; Robert "BOB" Maynard Engineering, Math & Industrial Technologies; Cheryl Nabati, TCC Library; **Gary Noah**, Information Technology & Business; Jim Roberts, Social Sciences & Public Services; Donna-Maria Walker, Adjunct, Humanities

Senators Not in Attendance: **Kathy Buhrer**, Natural Sciences; **Anne Mach**, Health Professions; Susanne Rauch, Humanities; **Lou Tinaro**, Information Technology & Business

Of note – Lou Tinaro is stepping down from the senate and is being replaced by Bill McNamara for the remainder of the term.

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

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

Visitors/Guests: None

I. Call to Order by Chair Monica McFerrin at 12:33 PM

II. Review/Approval of November 20, 2014 Minutes 12:37 PM

III. Chair Report:

- A.*** There has only been one Provost meeting since last senate meeting. Many have been cancelled due to various reasons.
- B.*** Student enrollment is down college wide at a rate of 7.6%, with Virginia Beach being down only 5.8%. Some of the other campuses are double digit in decreased enrollment. This is more prevalent in other VCCS schools.
- C.*** The SEM process currently has 108 action items. The immediate goal is to prioritize these for appropriate and timely action.
- D.*** The Student Center is going to start charging outside organizations for space use on the standard square foot rates. Should the organization be non-profit, the charge would be waived, but they would be charged for the support staff required for the event. Should the non-profit be sponsored by a college division, these charges would be waived also.
- E.*** The commencement review provided the following:
 - i.*** There were issues with the processional. It is recommended that it be reactivated.
 - ii.*** There is a consensus that the number of speeches be decreased.
 - iii.*** There was discussion as to whether there should be a ramp in place rather than stairs to the stage due to the difficulty encountered with some of the footwear in use.

- F.** The VCCS is evaluating the Workforce Development program, as they are no longer a finance generator.
- G.** A trend is appearing in that open full time faculty positions are not being filled and disappearing from the campus population.
- H.** It was reported the Physical Ed (HLT) classes are being removed from the GENED courses and being replaced by ENG 112 and/or Humanities/Social Science electives. This is in support of changes to come in line with SACS. This will become effective with the Summer 2015 classes.
- I.** It was reported that ALL HLT classes are being taught by adjunct faculty.
- J.** In the ongoing review of the VPT, the test will be going away as the contract is not being renewed. This is the result of faculty driven redesign.
- K.** The touch screen directories through the campus are non-functional due to lack/change of computer support. OIS has requested that new updated computers be acquired to fix this shortcoming.
- L.** The gym located in the Student Center is open to faculty, at the invitation by the students. This does NOT extend to guests of the faculty member.
- M.** The upgrades to the MPS stations need to have more consideration to the faculty users. The following were noted:
 - i.** Changes/swaps were initiated two weeks prior to the end of the semester.
 - ii.** Faculty were not notified and course material disappeared without notice. They were not provided an opportunity to download their course material to use on the new system

IV. Old Business:

- A. Computer Speed** – Where this continues to plague faculty users, please note the day/time of the slowdown and notify Monica by email. She will forward this information to the appropriate parties.
- B. Campus Scholar Award** – Tom Geary reported that there has been very little interest to filling this committee. At present there are NO volunteers for this committee. It was suggested that he get in touch with Sarah Di Calogero at the Norfolk campus for consultation as she was a driving force with the establishment for the initial program
- C. Shredders** – If you are unaware, Monica reported that they are “in-place” in EVERY building on campus. .
- D. Q&A with Dr. DeMarte** – See supplement attached to these minutes
- E. FDEP** – The motions approved at last meeting and submitted to the college senate remain “on the table.” These will be readdressed at the next meeting/ See the motion attached to these minutes.

V. New Business: -

- A. Recycling** – The discussion returned to the blue recycling bins. It appears that their contents are being discarded along with the trash cans. As there is no definitive explanation as to who or where this is accountable, a committee under the chair of John Gallo is being formed to investigate this issue and present a solution for implementation throughout the campus.
- B. SGA** - It was reported that no formal liaison exists between the faculty and the SGA. The SGA is currently undergoing some significant changes at this time. Jim Roberts has volunteered to investigate the SGA as to meeting times, and any potential for senate/SGA interaction. It was suggested he contact Sara Lupton in the Student Center, or Frank Dixon of the SGA.

VI. *Items from the floor* -

- A.** Jim Roberts addressed the Draft Survey prepared for distribution to Fulltime Faculty in regards to the FDEP. Initial comments address the NEGATIVE structure, and the issue of the results being quantitative vice qualitative.
- B.** The question concerning weather delays was presented.
- i.** What time is the reference for the beginning of the delay? Is it 7:30 AM or 8:00 AM, as different areas of the campus start at different times.
 - ii.** If a two hour delay is announced, and the class normally starts at 9:30 AM, do the students come in and have 30 minutes less instruction.
 - iii.** Some faculty on the senate said that they address this issue in their syllabus at the beginning of the course.

VII. *Next College Senate Meeting – Thursday, February 5, 2015.* Meet and greet at 1:30pm, meeting at 2:00 PM – Chesapeake campus, location TBD.

VIII. *Next Campus Senate Meeting – Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 12:30 PM in the Student Center – K313*

IX. *Close:* The meeting closed at 2:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael B. Adams
Secretary, Virginia Beach Campus Faculty Senate