



Virginia Beach MINUTES

Date & Time: January 25, 2018, 12:30 p.m.

Location: Virginia Beach Student Center, K-322

**Virginia Beach Senators Attending:** Diana Branton, Engineering, Math & Industrial Technologies; **Kathy Buhrer**, Natural Sciences; **Ellyn Hodgis**, Health Professions; Joseph Wayne Grimsley, Secretary, Social Sciences & Public Services; **Tom Hilton**, Humanities; **John Krenzke**, Vice Chair, Social Sciences & Public Services; **Garrison Libby**, Library; Robyn Browder, Humanities; **Susan Dozier**, Information Technology & Business; **Maureen Cahill**, Humanities; and Scott Wade, Social Sciences & Public Services.

**Senators Not in Attendance:** Angela Bell, Health Professions; Mark Greer, Natural Sciences; Alison Harwell, Counseling; Bob Maynard, Division of Engineering, Mathematics & Industrial Technologies; Cassandra McDade, *Adjunct*, Social Sciences & Public Services; Charles McLeod, *Adjunct*, Health Professions; and Cary Paulk, *Adjunct*, Humanities

**Guests(s):** None

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting began at 12:36 p.m.
- II. Review/Approval of Oct. 26, 2017 and Nov. 30 Minutes:** The Senate unanimously approved the Oct. 26 and Nov. 30 Senate Meeting minutes with corrections to incorrect dates in the footer sections.
- III. Chair's Report:** Maureen Cahill, the Virginia Beach Senate Chair, reported on the following issues:
  - A. Motions on College Faculty Senate:** The College Faculty Senate approved two of eight motions backed by Beach Senators at their November meeting.
  - B. PAPC Charge:** The Chair will send the charge from the President's Advisory and Planning Council (PAPC).
  - C. Pathways Deans Council Meetings:** The Chair announced that Vice President for Academic Affairs, Daniel DeMarte, urged faculty members to attend a January 26 meeting discussing the roles of campus deans and campus chairs in the Guided Pathways reorganization.
  - D. Guided Pathways:** Senators discussed Guided Pathways:
    1. First-semester electives: Senators discussed departments creating a mandatory first semester of five courses. Was it possible to create a "common pathway" in the first semester? Will Health Professions students never take liberal arts classes with IT students because their curriculums differed? Were five options enough? The Chair said that she would push for more than five options for first-semester electives.
    2. Possible elimination of current courses: Some senators worried about the impact of Guided Pathways on foreign languages, psychology, religion, and non-American history courses. Since these programs were neither mandated

(like ENG 111) nor as accepted as United States History I, these classes might disappear, threatening the jobs of several faculty members.

3. **Navigate software:** A Senator expressed concern that the new Guided Pathways software had no “transfer” option aiding the college transfer of students.
4. **Academic advising:** A Senator asserted that advising would not be a “neutral cost program” as it will take funds to train faculty members to be academic advisors.

**E. Dr. Summer’s Work Group:** TCC-Virginia Beach Provost, Michael Summers, said that “Draft 3” describing the Pathways Work group had specific names that were not the final choices; it was only a draft.

#### **IV. Old Business**

**A. Pro-rating low enrollment classes** (Faculty Senate has motions stating faculty should work with deans to determine the definition for low enrollment.)

The College Faculty Senate tabled a Beach-sponsored motion and said it would seek more information about this matter. The original motion read, “Faculty, in consultation with discipline deans, will work collaboratively to determine “low enrollment.”

The Chair said she would use group email to create a better-worded motion about the enrollment matter to present to the College Faculty Senate.

#### **V. New Business**

##### **A. Academic Calendar:**

1. **15-week schedule:** The VCCS mandates 75 days of instruction and a 10-day exam period.
2. **Conflicts for 8-week classes and spring break:** The Chair clarified that the MLK Jr. holiday is replaced by the first Monday of spring break.

**B. Navigate:** The Chair urged faculty members to attend Pathways Deans meetings to determine how to deal with pathway and program differences.

**C. Food at Graduation:** Instead of introducing a motion, the Chair said she would deal with this issue by conversing with TCC administrators.

**VI. Next College Senate Meeting – Thursday, Feb. 1.** Meet and greet at 1:30 p.m., meeting at 2:00 p.m. – Norfolk campus, room TBD.

**VII. Next VB Senate Meeting –Thursday, Feb. 22 at 12:30 p.m. in K-322 (Student Center).**

**VIII. Close:** *The meeting closed at 2:58 p.m.*

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Wayne Grimsley***

***Secretary, Virginia Beach Campus Faculty Senate***