



# MINUTES

Date & Time: March 26, 2015 12:30 PM

Location: Student Center, Room K-313, Virginia Beach Campus

## **Senators Attending:**

**Monica McFerrin**, Chair, Humanities; Tom Geary, Humanities, Vice-Chair; **Mike Adams**, Secretary, Adjunct; Rick Dienst, Social Sciences & Public Services; **Kathy Buhrer**, Natural Sciences; **Frank Futyma**, Adjunct, Information Technology & Business; John Gallo, Engineering, Math & Industrial Technologies; Tom Geary, Humanities; **Mark Greer**, Natural Sciences; Richard "Butch" Holtz, Social Sciences & Public Services; **Anne Mach**, Health Professions; Susanne Rauch, Humanities; Robert "BOB" Maynard, Engineering, Math & Industrial Technologies; **Bill McNamara**, Information Technology & Business Cheryl Nabati, TCC Library; **Gary Noah**, Information Technology & Business; Jim Roberts, Social Sciences & Public Services; Donna-Maria Walker, Adjunct, Humanities

**Senators Not in Attendance:** **Ellyn Hodgis**, Health Professions (College Faculty Senate Chair);

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

**College Representative(s):** **Maura Spreen** (Substitute for) **Alison Harwell**, Counseling (Counseling Representative)

**Visitors/Guests:** None

**I. Call to Order by** Chair Monica McFerrin at 12:30 PM

**II. Review/Approval** of March 3, 2015 Minutes 12:36 PM

## **III. Chair Report:**

- A.** There has only been one brief Provost meeting Monica has been able to attend since the last FS meeting. Item of note: five large trees in the vicinity of the Bayside building are to be removed this weekend.
- B.** SAILS – there was brief review of the SAILS program as it is currently in play for the "gateway" courses. Faculty are being advised of the FERPA implications that may arise out of this if you do not pay attention

## **IV. Old Business:**

- A.** Computer Speeds/Issues – Bill McNamara has taken over the responsibility of tracking the issues experienced with both the faculty computers and MPS stations in the classrooms. Please inform Bill of any issues, and follow-up with what and when corrective action is taken. Bill WILL NOT initiate any trouble calls for you
- B.** Open Dialogue on Academics with Dr. DeMarte – To be held April 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM in the Small Meeting room in the Joint Use Library. Monica is to send an ALL FACULTY email invitation in reference to this event and attach a copy of the notes from Dr. DeMarte's previous session
- C.** FDEP – The Virginia Beach motion referencing the structure of the newly established Standing FDEP meeting was passed with the addition of the chair of the current Ad-Hoc committee being granted a one year turn for continuity between the two committees. It was noted that the timeline for change/proposals to the FDEP are lengthy, in that the change has to be drafted and presented to the Faculty Campus Faculty Senate, after receiving approval there, it is presented to the College Faculty Senate. After passage of the College Faculty Senate it must be presented and voted on by the College Faculty, and if passed, presented to the President for acceptance/approval. Passing this hurdle, the change/proposal is presented to the VCCS for approval. Therefore, to meet a May deadline for submission from the college, backtrack at least a month for each step at the local.
- D.** Recycling – The recycling issue is in regards to the "blue bins" located in all classrooms. John Gallo was unable to provide a report at this time, however this issue remains in work
- E.** SGA – Jim Roberts missed his intended meeting with the SGA representatives due to a scheduling conflict, and will attend the April SGA meeting and report

- F.** Snow Days – Inclement Weather policy - After the discussion at last month’s meeting, the following day (a Friday), there was an announced Delay in the College opening. There were TWO separate emails in reference to this event, one of which was sent to ALL students on their VCCS email account saying that any class that convened before 10:00 AM was cancelled. The issue here is that first, why a separate, and different, email to students; and second, when cancelling ALL classes that convene before 10:00 AM on a Friday has much more impact than any other day as many Friday classes are longer (12:00 – 4:00 PM). Any scheduled testing/lab work could be accommodated if not cancelled.
- G.** Faculty Job Descriptions – John Gallo – the concern in this issue is with the ongoing preparation for SACs accreditation, review and acceptance of faculty (and adjunct faculty) credentials appears to remove some from their teaching positions without any opportunity to remedy their position. Is there any possibility for a “grandfathering” for these faculty that have performed satisfactorily to this point? This appears to be most evident with the loss of the HLT and PE faculty when they lost their Gen Ed status.

**V. New Business: -**

- A.** Nominations – The nominations were opened for the three elective positions for the 2015-2016 term.
  - i.** The nomination for Virginia Beach Faculty Senate Chair is Monica McFerrin
  - ii.** The nomination for Virginia Beach Faculty Senate Vice Chair is Tom Geary
  - iii.** The nomination for Virginia Beach Faculty Senate Secretary is Mike AdamsNominations remain open until closed at the April meeting.

**VI. Items from the floor -**

- A.** New Horizons Conference – There is a call out for items to place in a “TCC Gift Basket” to be raffled off at the conference. ALL VCCS schools are providing one. Please contact Tom Geary (before Tuesday), or Monica McFerrin before Wednesday if you have access to anything like this
- B.** Students removed from class by instructor – recent events concerned a faculty removing a disruptive from class, then being over-ruled by the Provost, Dean Hodges, and the head of Security to place the student back into class. Questions that arise are first, why/how is the faculty member’s decision being over-ridden? There is the potential for safety issues for both the students and the faculty member, and second, how is the campus policy distributed for the faculty to understand their role in these instances.

Article 3.9 Classroom Control in the Faculty Handbook reads:

“Instructors should not jeopardize the progress of a class by permitting the continued presence of any student whose behavior in any way adversely affects the class. While the responsibility for, and the administration of classroom discipline ordinarily rests with the instructor, the dean and/or campus provost may assist with disciplinary problems. Each campus provost has a written plan for how to deal with disruptive students in the classroom.”

- C.** Dr. Summers and Dean Hodges will be invited to the opening of the April meeting

**VII. Next College Senate Meeting – Thursday, April 9, 2015. Meet and greet at 1:30pm, meeting at 2:00 PM – Portsmouth campus, location TBA.**

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

**IX. Close: The meeting closed at 1:58 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,



Michael B. Adams  
Secretary, Virginia Beach Campus Faculty Senate