



MINUTES

Date & Time: November 24, 2015 12:30 PM

Location: Virginia Beach Student Center, K307

Senators Attending:

Jim Roberts, Chair, Information Technology & Business; **Mike Adams**, Secretary, Adjunct; Regina Bartlett, Humanities; **Kathy Buhrer**, Natural Sciences; Rick Dienst, Social Sciences & Public Services; John Gallo, Engineering, Math & Industrial Technologies; **Mark Greer**, Natural Sciences; Tom Hilton, Humanities; **Ellyn Hodgis**, Health Professions (**Vice Chair**, College Faculty Senate CFAC representative); **Anne Mach**, Health Professions; **Monica McFerrin**, Humanities; Bill McNamara, Information Technology & Business; **Gary Noah**, Information Technology & Business; Donna-Maria Walker, Adjunct, Humanities; Garrison Libby (Substituting for Elizabeth Vihnanek)

Senators Attending remotely via “Meet-ME”:

Frank Futyma, Adjunct, Information Technology & Business;

Senators Not in Attendance:

Richard “Butch” Holtz, Social Sciences & Public Services; Robert “BOB” Maynard Engineering, Math & Industrial Technologies; Elizabeth Vihnanek, Library;

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

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

Visitors/Guests: None

I. Call to Order by Chair Jim Roberts at 12:35 PM

II. Review/Approval of October 29, 2015 Minutes as amended, accepted at 12:42 PM.

III. Chair Report:

A. From 12:30 – 12:35 PM - Pathways discussed prior to official opening

B. Faculty involvement needed for TCC social media promotion. Contact Marcee Anderson – Chair requests more involvement

C. More Commencement volunteers needed. Contact Mike Summers msummers@tcc.edu

D. Mailroom door closes at 4:00 PM: no more code, TCC ID needed

E. State board mandates changes in VCCS policy on deletes. Lori Reimann emphasizes the need for faculty to delete the non-participating during the first two weeks of classes. W grades work against financial aid and retention

F. Graduation application will soon be no longer necessary. This is currently in place and required at TCC

G. Faculty Promotion: rank independent of evaluations (not automatic) – Policy is in DRAFT form and committee to reflect the structure to be similar to that of the Multi-Year committee, and named the Promotion Committee

H. Big academic restructuring meeting December 4th: Guided Pathways to minimize wasted credits

1. Specific counselors for each pathway

2. “trigger points” when student’s need a dose of reality, redirection

IV. Old Business:

A. Faculty mentors for APPDP assistance to other faculty – second call

1. At present, there are TWO mentors college wide, 1 at Virginia Beach

2. Help wanted from senior (5 year contract) for a two year commitment

3. Particularly one from Humanities

4. The criteria for mentor is listed in the FDEP, and the mentor candidates have to go through a mentor training commitment

B. Dean’s online course access guidelines / OLC Online Learning Committee (Sarah DiCalegero)

1. The question was raised as to “what is the protocol for dean’s access to the online courses?”.

C. Resolution of ADJ issue surrounding Z degree participation

V. **New Business:**

A. **Improving College communication**

1. What is the status of Faculty Enlight in Blackboard?

2. The Faculty Senate, as representatives of the campus/college, need to “spread the word,” either via email or verbally. The use of email would provide documentation

B. **Sharepoint: Faculty Senate have presence there? Blog that “take ownership” of issues?**

1. The introduction of Sharepoint is in work, administrator account managers requires approximately 20 hours training. OOC is Ken Ballard.

C. **Mental Health Information Sessions – Spring semester with CMVE & Clinical Psychologists**

1. Meetings to be rotational between all four campuses.

2. These would be sponsored by the College Faculty Senate providing lunches

D. **Safe Space Project on the Norfolk Campus (Josh Howell)**

1. With this process underway, it was suggested that Josh Howell be invited to an upcoming meeting for further information.

E. **At this point Fred Stemple arrived and was asked to discuss upcoming Professional Development initiatives.**

1. He initially addressed the Professional Development scheduled during the Spring 2016 convocation to be Tuesday and Wednesday, January 4 & 5 to be held at Thomas Nelson Community College (TNCC).

2. He addressed briefly the scheduled January Professional Development day

3. There is also scheduled a Professional Development event January 7th at the Roper Center for more information in regards to the Pathway’s initiative.

F. **Data request of Office for Institutional Effectiveness: Of the students who enrolled for ECO201 who had taken (or were taking concurrently) MTH158 or equivalent, what percentage of students earned an A, B, C, and less than a C? Of the students who enrolled for ECO201 without taking MTH158 or equivalent, what percentage of students earned an A, B, C, and less than a C? (Perhaps data for the past two years would be suitable). Alternatively, correlation coefficients between Math Placement test scores and grades earned in ECO201**

1. It was suggested that the “stackable credits” be the purpose behind the request.

2. It was further recommended that there be more research into the data request, as to establishing a framework for the analysis

VI. **From the Floor:**

1. Bill McNamara requested to be removed from the Designated Senator list. Kathy Buhner volunteered to replace Bill

VII. **Next College Senate Meeting** –Thursday, February 4, 2016. Meet and greet at 1:30pm, meeting at 2:00 PM – location at the Virginia Beach Campus Student Center room TBA.

VIII. **Next VB Senate Meeting** – Thursday, February 25, 2016, location TBD

IX. **Close:** The meeting closed at 2:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael B. Adams

Secretary, Virginia Beach Campus Faculty Senate