



## MINUTES

Date & Time: October 29, 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; **Frank Futyma**, Adjunct, Information Technology & Business; John Gallo, Engineering, Math & Industrial Technologies; **Mark Greer**, Natural Sciences; Tom Hilton, Humanities; **Anne Mach**, Health Professions; Robert "BOB" Maynard Engineering, Math & Industrial Technologies; **Monica McFerrin**, Humanities; **Bill McNamara**, Information Technology & Business; **Gary Noah**, Information Technology & Business; Elizabeth Vihnanek, Library; Donna-Maria Walker, Adjunct, Humanities

### **Senators Not in Attendance:**

**Ellyn Hodgis**, Health Professions (**Vice Chair**, College Faculty Senate CFAC representative); Kathy Buhner, Natural Sciences; Rick Dienst, Social Sciences & Public Services; Richard "Butch" Holtz, Social Sciences & Public Services; Susanne Rauch, Humanities

\*\* **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 **12:32 PM**
- II. **Review/Approval of October 29, 2015 Minutes** as amended, accepted at 12:37 PM.
- III. **Chair Report:** The need for policy input is NOW (textbook selection & course scheduling).
  - A. **Areas for policy input by faculty**
    1. **Textbook selection**
    2. **Course Scheduling**
    3. **There was serious discussion on the upcoming Pathways Initiative (Article V.D), of note, the concept of "stackable credits."**
      - a) *This evolved into the number of credits for degrees vs. certificates*
      - b) *The degree requirements are established and maintained by SCHEV and unable to be modified by individual institutions.*
- IV. **Old Business:**
  - A. **FDEP**
    1. **Last meeting two Fridays ago (October 16)**
      - a) *What is the status of dean training for standardization in regards to the FDEP?*
      - b) *Changes have been made to the existing ePortfolio and there now exist notes on each of the elements*
      - c) *Administrative touchpoint is now VP Fred Stemple and VP John Morea*
      - d) *Moving these elements forward is hampered by the difference of types of years, i.e. calendar (Jan – Dec) vs. actual (Oct – Sep)*
      - e) *For current faculty under FDEP evaluation, new extended submission deadline is now November 2<sup>nd</sup>.*
        - i. *Deans are attempting to receive specific guidance from Dr. DeMarte*
      - f) *It is the Virginia Beach Faculty Senate recommendation that the deans read the FDEP for guidance.*

**B. Computer Competency requirement suspended**

1. This is **NO LONGER** a graduation requirement
2. Discussion needs to transpire between faculty and Dr. DeMarte to establish clear cut distinction in regards to graduate expectations regarding computer competencies

**C. Institutional Effectiveness request for data**

1. Curt Aasen is meeting the College Faculty Senate in the November meeting in reference to this topic

**V. New Business:**

**A. Open Dialogue on Academics with Dr. DeMarte: “ownership” and “closing the loop” on certain processes (like student assessment)**

**B. Mental Health support/awareness on campus**

1. Monica McFerrin (CFS Chair) is going to request the College Faculty Senate to approve expenses for luncheon meeting one each campus between faculty and Dr. Jessica Smith and/or Dr. Lawrence Smith,

**C. Faculty Promotion Policy –for approval**

1. Proposed Policy 3108 establishes a standing committee for College promotions.
2. Understanding is that this committee is to be “appointed” by the President
  - a) Who establishes/selects the faculty membership?

**D. Pathways Initiative & Academic Restructuring**

1. VP Fred Stemple has the Professional Development database material necessary for this

**E. “Textbook” selection policies & procedures**

1. Dr. David Kiracofe (Chesapeake) is the new committee chair
2. Committee is working on both a proposed policy in keeping with commonwealth laws/guidelines, and establishing a general philosophy for guidance

**VI. From the Floor:**

1. The Virginia Beach needs to re-evaluate distribution of senate membership due to recent reorganization of Divisions.
  - a) This was proposed for an Agenda item in January 2016 to take into account possible readjustment from the Pathways initiative.

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

**VIII. Next VB Senate Meeting** – Tuesday, **November 24, 2015**, location TBD

**IX. Close:** The meeting closed at **2:08 PM**.

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Michael B. Adams**  
**Secretary, Virginia Beach Campus Faculty Senate**