

Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, October 8, 2015
Library Rooms 209 A&B

Dr. Porter called the meeting to order at 3:30 and thanked the College of Education and Human Services for providing snacks.

The following members were present:

Dr. Bill Abrams	Dr. Brett Martz	Dr. Sarah Porter
Dr. Ayse Balas	Mrs. Amanda McLellan	Dr. Carl Riden
Dr. Chris Bjornsen	Dr. Sara Miller	Dr. Sean Ruday
Dr. Rhonda Brock-Servais	Dr. Joan Neff	Dr. Leah Shilling-Traina
Dr. Mary Carver	Dr. Kelly Nelson	Dr. Chris Swanson
Dr. Kevin Doyle	Dr. Kristen Nugent	Dr. Meg Thompson
Dr. Adam Franssen	Dr. Suzy Palmer	Dr. Larissa Tracy
Mr. Jeff Halliday	Dr. Jeannine Perry	Dr. Scott Wentland
Dr. David Hardin	Dr. Tim Pierson	Dr. Charles White
Dr. Steven Isaac		

Members not present were Dr. Jennifer Apperson, Dr. Paul Barrett, Dr. Phillip Cantrell, Dr. Paul Chapman, Mr. Ken Copeland, Dr. Cynthia Crews, Dr. Alix Fink, Ms. Claire LaRoche, Dr. Susan Lynch, Dr. David Magill, Dr. Christopher Register. Also present were Ms. Joanna Baker, Dr. William Burger, Ms. Kathy Charleston, Ms. Ashlyn Fairlamb-Mason, Dr. Kellyn Hall, Dr. Virginia Kinman.

The minutes from the September 17, 2015, meeting were approved as posted.

For EPC Dr. Shawn Smith reviewed the action item proposing that the Master of Science in Sociology program be submitted to storage. Dr. Abrams moved to approve the proposal. The motion **passed**.

Dr. Charles White reported for the Senate Finance and Planning Committee that revenues from summer and fall were on target with an increase in out of state revenue. Priorities for the upcoming year have been identified and discussed (see Appendix I). A question was raised concerning the expected cost of the upcoming Vice Presidential Debate. The debate is estimated to cost between 3 and 5 million dollars which could be offset by increased out of state enrollment. Reorganization of the committee has been positive with improved representation from all over campus specifically from Academic Affairs. UPC will have several subcommittees including a finance subcommittee. A system to improve course fee policies and procedures is an ongoing priority and may get addressed next year.

Dr. Larissa Tracy for Graduate Council reviewed the proposal to revise faculty thesis compensation stated in Section II of the FPPM. Dr. Abrams moved amending the proposal to change "chairing" to "directing" and delete "committee". The amended proposal, "No faculty member should direct more than 6 thesis projects simultaneously. Each faculty member ~~chairing~~ directing a thesis ~~committee~~ shall receive reassigned time or be compensated for each thesis directed", was seconded and **passed**.

Dr. Larissa Tracy for Graduate Council moved approval of the proposal to change Article III-Membership of Faculty Senate By-Laws to include a representative from the Graduate Student Advisory Council as an ex-officio member of Faculty Senate. The Senate voted to recommend this change to the general faculty at the March 24, 2016, meeting since it involves a by-laws change.

Dr. Scott Wentland reviewed the proposal to revise student evaluations that was discussed at the September 17 senate meeting. Dr. Porter opened the floor for discussion which included questions about a separate evaluation form for hybrid classes, how evaluation results may be used and how to incentivize student participation. Dr. Porter closed discussion and asked for a paper vote: Yes, meaning the new evaluation forms be accepted and used. No, meaning the

new forms not be approved and existing evaluation process will continue. Proxy votes were not allowed. The proposal was defeated by a vote of 14 no and 8 yes. The existing evaluation process will continue.

Dr. Joan Neff reviewed the approved 2016-2017 academic calendar (Appendix II) noting that classes will be held on Labor Day, extended fall break scheduled around the debate, 4-day exam week, and a day dedicated to Research and Assessment. Dr. Neff stated that this calendar is not necessarily permanent and input from faculty is encouraged in the development of future calendars.

Announcements:

Dr. Rhonda Brock-Servais reminded everyone of the Banned Books Reading on October 14, 3:00 until 5:30 in the Library Atrium.

Dr. Tim Pierson reminded everyone of the Student Leadership Conference November 13 -15. Financial assistance is available for students participating.

Dr. Suzy Palmer reminded everyone of the Virginia Children's Book Festival October 16 and 17 in the Library.

There being no further business, Dr. Porter adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Perutelli