

Faculty Senate Meeting  
Thursday, October 12, 2023, 3:30pm

Andrew Yeagley called the meeting to order at 3:32pm. The following members were present:

Dr. Dale Beach	Dr. Tai Johnson	Ms. Sarah Reynolds
Dr. Lee Bidwell	Dr. Roland Karnatz	Dr. Larissa Smith
Dr. Chris Bjornsen	Dr. Lisa Kinzer	Dr. Toni Sorrell
Dr. Robert Blaisdell	Dr. Chris Kukk	Dr. Bruce Speas
Dr. Roger Byrne	Claire LaRoche, J.D.	Dr. Wendy Thompson
Dr. Darrell Carpenter	Dr. Jeff Ledford	Dr. Haley Woznyj
Dr. Karla Collins	Dr. Dina Leech	Dr. Andrew Yeagley
Dr. Scott Grether	Dr. Heather Lettner-Rust	
Dr. Kari Hampton	Dr. Evan Long	
Dr. Eric Hodges	Ms. Sara Neher	
Dr. Alec Hosterman	Dr. Jeannine Perry	

Ms. Ashley Long, Recorder

Also present were –

Ms. Susan Hines, Ms. Ashley Leslie, Mr. Josh Blakely, Dr. Sarah Tanner-Anderson, Ms. Ryan Barnebee, Dr. David Shoenthal

The minutes from the [August 31, 2023](#) Faculty Senate meetings were approved as submitted.

Dr. Andrew Yeagley presented the charge for the ad-hoc committee on hiring faculty without a terminal degree. The call for faculty nominations to the committee are due October 19 by 12 noon. Details regarding the timeline and composition of the committee can be found in the charge.

Dr. Sarah Tanner-Anderson reviewed the [EPC Report](#) – There were 2 action items to be voted on – both items passed.

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1. [Pass/Fail Grading](#) (change in academic policy)
2. [Academic Regulations-UG](#) (change in academic policy)

Under Announcements -

Dr. Andrew Yeagley began the announcements with a concern raised by Dr. Chris Bjornsen on the reliability of AI detectors. Dr. Bjornsen referenced a quote from Virginia Tech's website on the use of AI detectors in the classroom. Ms. Ashley Leslie from the DEC agreed that AI detectors cannot be the sole reason that a student is turned into the honor board but it is a good tool to use to start the conversation with students. A discussion followed weighing the pros and cons of using AI detectors.

Dr. Larissa Smith

- An email was sent on October 4 to notify faculty about the deadline extension for sabbatical submissions from October 1 to October 27. Academic Affairs will continue to receive faculty connections applications.
- A second email was sent on October 9 outlining the challenges of using Canvas during intersession and the solutions that the DEC is working on for the future terms. If faculty are not interested in teaching during intersession because of these complications, they should reach out to their department chairs.
- Full time instructional faculty, classified employees who have obtained a rating of at least contributor on their most recent evaluation, and administrative and professional staff who have obtained an overall

rating of at least result achieved on their most recent evaluation will receive a 2% salary raise. Faculty contracts will be reissued in December for signature.

New Business –

The question was asked when faculty would receive a link to fill out the department chair, dean and provost evaluations and Dr. Smith answered that those would possibly occur in the fall.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ashley Long