

Minutes of the Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate: April 21, 2015

Senators in attendance: Ashlee Claud, Sandra Bond, Geoff White, Lisa McDaniel, John Leonard, Phil Crigger, Chad Wall, Anthony Byrd, Loretta Estes, Ed Oakes – Cabinet Liaison

Senators unable to attend: Scott Bennett, Alix Guynn, Donna Spradlin, Laura Quesenberry, Dan Waidelich, Elizabeth McCormick

Guests: Melissa Wohlstein, Wendy Lowe, Laura Turk, Donna Walker, Butch Cunningham, Travis Byrd, Vincent PremDas, Jocelyn Stephens, Erik Lovik

Welcome. Meeting started at 10:30. Minutes from the February 17 meeting were approved. Motion by Sandra Bond and seconded by Loretta Estes.

Guest Presentation: Melissa Wohlstein, Vice President of University Advancement

1. Annual Giving is the foundation and a key area of focus
2. Provide endowments and spendable accounts
3. RU endowments are primarily scholarships
4. Awarded an estimated \$500,000 in scholarships last year
5. FY 14: 233 University employees gave \$49,142. FY 15 209 University employees gave \$46,717
6. Participation rate is very critical for development
7. Biggest needs that Advancement can fill are scholarships and programmatic needs.
8. Major goal is to build the Annual Fund – aggressive goal is to double the giving from last year.
9. Changed focus from regional fundraising to a college based system
10. Revising and revamping the Radford Society Partners in Excellence “Thank You” event.

Senate Elections: Elizabeth McCormick submitted her report in her absence.

1. Nominations have been received and all vacated seats are represented.
2. The following divisions will NOT need to have elections because they had the appropriate number of nominations to fill the vacant seat(s).
 - a. Athletics/Executive
 - b. Business and Finance
 - c. University Advancement
3. Elections will be held on-line starting next week.
4. The president’s office has been asked to provide a recommendation for Cabinet Liaison
5. The new senate will elect officers at the May 19 meeting

Update from RU Futures Group – Ed Oakes. The Futures Group is no longer meeting, and they have made their top ten recommendations to Provost Minner who will decide if he will present the information at the May Board of Visitors meeting. The group received 165 recommendations. In a series of meetings they were pared down to 95, then 41, then finally 10. Here are the ten recommendations:

1. Emphasize and take advantage of RU’s natural and cultural environments as resources for scholarship and leisure: RU Appalachian, Leveraging the potential of Selu – development of Selu

Conservancy as a site for High Impact Interdisciplinary Scholarship. Selu Conservancy: A flagship for high impact learning opportunities for students and faculty at RU

2. Bachelor's degree completion program – online adult degree completion program
3. Embed the Learning Sciences into every aspect of RU
4. Transfer friendly Institution – CC/RU Connections
5. RU Exit class for Juniors and Seniors – University 100 expansion to UNIV 200, 300, 400
6. RU Makerspace/RU Innovation Lab/Cross College Innovation Space/ University Maker Space
7. Strategically Expand our Online Offerings
8. One Stop Services for Visitors, Students and their Families
9. Compressed/Flexible class offerings: Offer 6-8 week courses for many subject areas – weekend classes
10. Become “the place to go” for education

Next meeting: May 19 at 10:30 in the Bonnie Combo Room.

Meeting adjourned at 11:19. Motion by Sandra Bond, seconded by Loretta Estes