

Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate

September 16, 2020

Zoom

Members Present: Jess Beckett, Scott Bennett, Sandra Bond, Ashlee Claud, Vanessa Conner, Liz Craft, Emily Ewoldt, Mel Fox, Alix Guynn, James Harman, Steve Harrison, Kay Johnson, Eric Lovik, Chip Mann, Melissa Neal, Mary Catherine Santoro, Malinda Tasler, David Wheeler

Guests: Jean Mistele, Jessica Twiest

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting called to order at 3:31 pm by President Ashlee Claud.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from June 17, 2020 were approved.
- 3. Guest Speakers:** Jessica Twiest; Associate Director, Leader & Communication Services, Student Center Administrator and Jean Mistele; Associate Professor of Mathematics and Statistics. Both are Co-Directors of RU's Citizen Leader Program. The program is a collaboration between Academic and Student Affairs which offers distinguished Citizen Leader coursework and Citizen Leader co-curricular activities and events.

Twiest and Mistele described the Citizen Leader Program, and how we can contribute to it. Funding is available for students if they want to travel abroad or have an immersive experience. Among the ways faculty and staff can support the Citizen Leader Program are by promoting it with our students, sponsoring a co-curricular event, or mentoring a Citizen Leader student with their immersive experience/dissemination. Twiest and Mistele welcome you contacting them. Contact information:

- Co-Directors: Jean Mistele (jmistele@Radford.edu) and Jessica Twiest (jtwest@Radford.edu);
 - Citizen Leader Office and Program Email: 125 Whitt and Bonnie 226, citizen-leader@radford.edu;
 - Citizen Leader Website: <https://www.radford.edu/citizen-leader>;
 - RUInvolved: Citizen Leader.
- 4. Budget Meetings:** The strategic budget meetings were confidential and everyone worked well together. Ashlee had an update from VP Chad Reed earlier today. The projected budget shortfall is \$3 billion. The Commonwealth of Virginia was able to address \$300 million in 2020; the remaining \$2.7 billion will be addressed in FY 2020/2021. Currently the General Assembly is talking about rolling back new funding for 2020/2021. The new revenue forecast is in November, and we expect more information about the budget from the Governor's office in December.
 - 5. Internal Governance Committee Appointment – Bookstore:** Emily Ewoldt was appointed.
 - 6. By-Law Ad hoc Committee Update (subgroup Ashlee Claud (chair), Sandra Bond, Kay Johnson, Melissa Neal, Mary Catherine Santoro):** Preliminary bylaws changes were proposed by the subgroup for discussion by the Senate today. Language will be tweaked for the motions presented at the October meeting.
 - Article IV – Membership, Definitions: Remove Information Technology and University Relations.

- Article IV – Membership Section 3 – Elections: How to handle a tie? Recommendation: If there is a tie, have a runoff election. In the case of a second tie, the candidate with the most years of service will serve.
- Article IV – Membership, Sections 4 and 5: Filling Vacated Senator Seats. Recommendation: Strike the last sentence in section 5. (This is for mid-term. Doesn't preclude having a special election – President may decide to hold an election.)
- Article IV – Membership. Add Section 6: Add Voting by Proxy. Recommendation: Proxies may attend. Senators designate a proxy in their division, and notify the Executive Council no later than an hour in advance. Proxy can do anything a regular senator can do.
- Article 5 – Officers, Add Section 5: Create a Past President Position on Executive Council: Recommendation: Create a Past President Position on AP Senate Executive Council to be filled by the Immediate Past President. Need to work out details of how to fill if the immediate past president cannot serve, and determine specific duties/responsibilities. After discussion: Agreement to appoint replacement based on years of service as a senator instead of years of service as an RU/RUC employee. We'll go down the list by seniority – people allowed to say, "No."

7. Upcoming Events:

- The Bigger Picture March and Rally; September 19 at 4 pm
- Virtual Academic and Career Exploration Week: September 21 – 25
- "Leaves of the Tree" Art Exhibition at Covington Center September 23 – November 3
- Virtual Graduate and Professional School Fair; October 5 at 2 pm
- Virtual Government, Criminal Justice and Human Services Career and Internship Fair
- Virtual Women Entrepreneurship Event; October 13 at 3 pm
- Sept. 18-20 – Virtual Family Weekend.
- Virtual Homecoming – October 16-17. Sandra – we can all participate. Sign-up today. Registration is open.
- Basketball Team just rolled in. Haven't gotten the all-clear from basketball yet, but plans being made for basketball season. Hopeful to have some games this year. No official word from Scott yet.
- First livestream theatrical events open Sept 30 through Oct. 4. Live in theater and streaming via Zoom. Ticketing is through University Ticketing.
<https://www.radford.edu/content/cvpa/home/theatre/onstage/current-season.html>
(submitted by David Wheeler).
- Admissions has a whole virtual world. If you have any future Highlanders in your life, connect with us. We're doing virtual open houses, one-on-one, visits with high schools. Let me know if you want to be part of it (submitted by Emily Ewoldt).

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:34.

Future Meeting Dates:

- October 21
- November 18
- December 16