

MINUTES
2013-2014 Faculty Senate Meeting
October 24, 2013
Heth Hall Room 014

Members present: Suzanne Ament, Kevin Ayers, Ian Barland, Roann Barris, Vickie Bierman, Jayne Bucy, Jason Davis, Seife Dendir, Eric Du Plessis, Lori Elis, Mary Ferrari, Kim Gainer, Kurt Gingrich, Nadine Hartig, Vince Hazleton, Christine Hermann, Rodrigo Hernandez, Bill Hrezo, Margaret Hrezo, Laura Jacobsen, Emmanuel John, Prahlad Kasturi, Abhay Kaushik, Jerry Kopf, Mary LaLone, Laura LaRue, James Newman, Laura Newsome, Monica Pazmino, Rob Sanderl, Sandra Schneider, Susan Schoppelrey, Neil Sigmon, Kenneth Smith, Maneesh Thakkar (for Andrea Stanaland), Paul Thomas, Skip Watts, Jennifer Whicker

Members absent: James Collier, Jake Fox, Rhett Herman, Tommy Iafrate, Elizabeth Lanter, Stockton Maxwell, Douglas Mitchell, Mashooq Salehin, Julie Temple

Guests: Ebenezer Kolajo, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Assessment; Sam Minner, Provost

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.
- II. The minutes of the October 10, 2013, meeting were approved as read.
- III. Dr. Jacobsen gave her report.
 - a. A BOV will be held early in November, and Dr. Jacobsen asked that her colleagues contact her with any ideas that they would like to see addressed in the report.
 - b. The First Amendment resolution is still being worked on, and Dr. Jacobsen is in hopes that the result will be a less restrictive policy.
 - c. Dr. Jacobsen reported that she may be stepping in as the interim Associate Dean of the Graduate College spring semester. In the event, she would step down from the Faculty Senate at the end of fall semester, and Dr. Kopf would become president, as provided for in the bylaws. The senate could choose to operate with one seat on the FSEC vacant or could choose to hold a special election to fill that seat.
- IV. Provost Minner gave his report.
 - a. Dr. Minner asked Dr. Jacobsen about the possibility of another BOV-faculty social. The hope is that this event be held annually in May.
 - b. The COBE dean search is progressing, with airport interviews in Charlotte to begin shortly, and the search for a new dean for the College of Visual and Performing Arts is underway.
 - c. Dee Robinson, Vice President for University Advancement, has resigned and a national search will be conducted to replace her.
 - d. The university is moving ahead on new graduate degree in data analysis and information management.

- e. The next doctoral degree should be an Ed.D.
- f. RU will offer a certificate in biotechnology in conjunction with Jefferson College of Health Sciences, and RU is setting up an anatomy and physiology lab in Roanoke in partnership with both the Jefferson College and Carilion.
- g. The stop-the-clock proposal has been vetted by Stephanie Hamlett, an attorney with the Attorney General's office. Stopping the tenure clock will not be automatic. Faculty will need to apply, and the relevant dean will have to sign off on it.
- h. Another open provost forum will be held in November, and open provost office hours are scheduled for a day during the last week of October.
- i. The Radford Childcare Development, Inc. facility will be licensed, and the RU Foundation has provided \$300,000 toward its establishment.
- j. The Appalachian Studies program is still in existence. Faculty and staff are moving out of Buchanan House and are no longer co-located, but once the CHBS building has been constructed and Whitt, renovated, there will be space. The Appalachian Studies collection is now housed at the library.
- k. The provost stated that he is "not seeking other jobs" and is "not on the market" but reported that he is being "recruited" and had turned down an offer the previous week.

V. Committee Reports.

- a. Campus Environment: No report.
- b. Curriculum Committee: Dr. Gingrich reported that the committee has a Motion *re* Assessment Procedures on the table, introduced October 10, 2013.
- c. Faculty Issues: Dr. Barris reported that the committee has two motions on the table: a Motion *re* Grade Appeals and a Motion *re* IG Committee on Online Teaching and Assessment, both introduced October 10, 2013.
- d. Governance: No report.
- e. Resource Allocation: Dr. Kasturi reported that the committee continues to work on a policy for reporting workload, with support from Institutional Research.

VI. Old Business.

- a. The Motion *re* Assessment Procedures taken off the table. Dr. Kolajo stated that sampling was acceptable but that RU needs an assessment plan and that a "crisis at hand" led to an acceleration of assessment in response to the need for data to meet requests from outside bodies. After his remarks and some further discussion, the motion passed.
- b. The Motion *re* Grade Appeals was taken off the table. A suggestion was offered that the language under item 6 be replaced with "Committee procedures will take place in accordance with RU's nondiscrimination policies." The Faculty Issues Committee accepted the substitution. A motion was made and seconded that references to the virtual presence of committee members be removed at three points. After discussion, the motion to amend was withdrawn and the motion as a whole was passed.

- c. The Motion *re* IG Committee on Online Teaching and Assessment was taken off the table. It was suggested that the phrase “The Faculty Senate recommends” be added to the beginning of the motion. The Faculty Issues Committee accepted the addition. The motion was tabled for later consideration.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.