

MINUTES
2013-2014 Faculty Senate Meeting
March 27, 2014
Heth Hall Room 014

Members present: Suzanne Ament, Kevin Ayers, Ian Barland, Roann Barris, Vickie Bierman, Brad Bizzell, Jayne Bucy, Seife Dendir, Eric Du Plessis, Lori Elis, Mary Ferrari, Jake Fox, Kim Gainer, Kurt Gingrich, Nadine Hartig, Vince Hazleton, Rhett Herman, Christine Hermann, Rodrigo Hernandez, Bill Hrezo, Margaret Hrezo, Tommy Iafrate, Prahlad Kasturi, Abhay Kaushik, Jerry Kopf, Elizabeth Lanter, Laura LaRue, Charles Manyara, Laura Newsome, Monica Pazmino, Sandra Schneider, Susan Schoppelrey, Neil Sigmon, Kevin Smith, Andrea Stanaland, Julie Temple, Carter Turner, Skip Watts, Jennifer Whicker

Members absent: Kimberly Cole, James Collier, Jason Davis, Emmanuel John, Mary LaLone, Douglas Mitchell, James Newman, Mashooq Salehin, Rob Sanderl, Paul Thomas

Guests: Laurie Cubbison, Director, Core Curriculum Program; Kate Hawkins, Dean, College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences; Bill Kennan, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; Ebenezer Kolajo, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Assessment; Sam Minner, Provost

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.
- II. The minutes for March 6, 2014, were approved as read.
- III. Dr. Kopf gave his report.
 - a. Dr. Kopf is awaiting further word on the faculty compensation issue.
- IV. Dr. Minner gave his report.
 - a. Personnel.
 - The last Skype interview has been held for dean of the CVPA, and on-campus visits will take place soon.
 - The advertisement for the position of Director of International Education will be disseminated shortly. The search will be both internal and external.
 - b. Partnerships/Collaborations.
 - The collaboration with the Jefferson College of Health Sciences and Virginia Tech Carillion School of Medicine has been approved.
 - The Certificate in Bioethics also represents a collaboration with the Jefferson College of Health Sciences and Virginia Tech Carillion School of Medicine.
 - c. Admissions/Retention.
 - Admissions are “tracking very, very, very well.” Paid deposits are up 4% from this time last year. Out-of-state applications are up 17%.
 - Students are using NetTutor.
 - d. Budget/Compensation
 - The university will be moving forward on the compensation issue.

- There is not yet a final budget on the state level. One provision would earmark several thousand dollars for RU for retention efforts; another would provide funds for what used to be known as the game lab.
- e. Accreditation
- The Commission on the Accreditation of Programs in Applied and Clinical Sociology (CAPACS) recently had a positive visit to campus.
- f. Miscellaneous/Announcements
- The university is negotiating with a donor to purchase rare photographs of coal extraction, including panoramic shots, as well as the camera used to take the shots.
 - The university is purchasing pipes, drums, and attire for our students to use on occasions such as the Highlander Festival.
 - A forum on assessment will be held to address the “big picture” of what we do at Radford in the area of assessment.
 - A reception celebrating RU authors will be held.

V. Committee Reports.

- a. Campus Environment: Dr. Ferrari reported that the committee will be seeking more information about the proposed campus information kiosks. Dr. Ament asked that the committee inquire about disability accessibility. Dr. Ferrari also reported that the faculty morale survey should be available shortly.
- b. Curriculum Committee: Dr. Gingrich reported that the Curriculum Committee was introducing two motions: a Motion to Allow Departments to Develop Discipline-Based Alternatives to CORE 201 and CORE 202 and a Motion to Support Creation of Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Bioethics.
- c. Faculty Issues: Dr. Barris reported that the FIC had met with four individuals from the Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning to discuss online learning and that the committee would introduce a new motion on the subject at a later date.
- d. Governance: Dr. Schoppelrey reported that the committee had three motions under old business: a Motion *re* Revising the T & R Faculty Handbook to Change Composition of College Curriculum Committees, a Motion Providing for Posting of Faculty Appeals Committee Procedures on Faculty Senate Website, and a Motion Providing for Posting of Faculty Grievance Committee Procedures on Faculty Senate Website. She also reported that the dean evaluations would go out on the upcoming Monday. Staff will not be included in the process at this time because no provision in the T & R Handbook accommodates staff, but the Governance Committee will be reaching out to the AP Senate to discuss this issue.
- e. Resource Allocation: Dr. Kasturi reported that the Resource Allocation Committee, which earlier met jointly with the Governance Committee, has reworded the proposed workload policy and was seeking further comment. He also reported that the committee was introducing a Motion *re* Minimum Salaries and a Motion *re* Travel Reimbursement.

VI. Old Business.

- a. The Motion *re* Revising the T & R Faculty Handbook to Change Composition of College Curriculum Committees was taken from the table, discussed, and passed.
- b. The Motion Providing for Posting of Faculty Appeals Committee Procedures on Faculty Senate Website was taken from the table, discussed, and passed.
- c. The Motion Providing for Posting of Faculty Grievance Committee Procedures on Faculty Senate Website was taken from the table, discussed, and passed.
- d. The Motion to Change the Number of Credit Hours for the Honors Capstone Course was taken from the table, discussed, and passed.
- e. The Motion to Change the Department Prefix for CORE 103 and Honors Sections of CORE 201 and CORE 202 to HNRS (103, 201, 202) was taken from the table, discussed, and passed.
- f. The Motion *re* Implementation of a Fall Break was taken from the table, discussed, and passed.
- g. The Motion Recommending the Use of Benchmarking Measure for Critical Core Outcomes was taken from the table, discussed, and retabled for later consideration.

VII. New Business

- a. A Motion *re* Veteran Transfer Credit, referred by the University Academic Policies and Procedures Committee, was introduced and tabled for later consideration.
- b. A Motion *re* 10-Year Transfer Credit Policy, referred by the University Academic Policies and Procedures Committee, was introduced and tabled for later consideration.
- c. A Motion *re* Minimum Salaries, referred by the Resource Allocation Committee, was introduced and tabled for later consideration.
- d. A Motion *re* Travel Reimbursement, referred by the Resource Allocation Committee, was introduced and tabled for later consideration.
- e. A Motion to Allow Departments to Develop Discipline-Based Alternatives to CORE 201 and CORE 202, referred by the Curriculum Committee, was introduced and tabled for later consideration.
- f. A Motion to Support Creation of Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Bioethics, referred by the Curriculum Committee, was introduced and tabled for later consideration.
- g. A Motion *re* Free-Expression Policy, referred by the Faculty Senate Executive Council, was introduced and tabled for later consideration.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.