

MINUTES
2014-2015 Faculty Senate Meeting
October 9, 2014
Heth 014

Members present: Ian Barland, Roann Barris, Brad Bizzell, Steve Corwin, Scott Dunn (substituting for James Collier), Eric Du Plessis, Mary Ferrari, Andrew Foy, Tim Fuhrer, Kim Gainer, Nozar Hashemzadeh (for Seife Dendir), Vince Hazleton, Nicole Hendrix (substituting for Lori Elis), Rhett Herman, Rodrigo Hernandez, Margaret Hrezo, Prahlad Kasturi, Abhay Kaushik, Jerry Kopf, Susan Kwilecki (substituting for Suzanne Ament), Mary LaLone, Laura LaRue, Laura Newsome, Monica Pazmino-Cevallos, Mashooq Salehin, Rob Sanderl, Susan Schoppelrey, Wally Scott, Andrea Stanaland, Julie Temple, Paul Thomas, Carter Turner, Amy VanKirk, Skip Watts, Jennifer Whicker

Members absent: Kevin Ayers, Vickie Bierman, Jason Davis, Jake Fox, Brent Harper, Bill Hrezo, Elizabeth Lanter, Douglas Mitchell, James Newman, Sandra Schneider, Jimmy Ray Ward

Guests: Provost Minner

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.
- II. The minutes of September 25, 2014, were approved with the announcement by the secretary that “artist’s lab” would be corrected to “ARTIS Lab.”
- III. Provost Minner gave his report.
 - a. Hiring/Personnel Changes
 - A committee has begun the process for hiring a dean for the College of Education and Human Development.
 - A committee has begun the process for hiring a director for the Honors Academy.
 - A committee has been established for the hiring of a new director for Career Services.
 - b. Academic Affairs Facilities Update
 - Renovations at what will be the Virginia Intercollegiate Anatomy Lab began during the previous week.
 - The dedication of the ARTIS Lab is taking place this week.
 - c. Assessment Update
 - The CIRP results have been provided to RU, and a campus forum will be held to discuss them.
 - The administration of the CLA+ is underway.

- d. High Impact Practices
 - The planning phase for the integrated semester focusing on the New River is nearing an end.
 - An International Education advisor has begun work.
 - e. Enrollment Update
 - RU will test making the SAT/ACT optional depending upon applicants' GPA.
 - RU has purchased more names for recruitment purposes.
 - Applications are up, but the smallness of the sample size makes it impossible to draw any conclusions at this time.
 - f. Budget Update
 - At this point, it is still planned that applications for Faculty Professional Development Leave will be accepted.
 - At this point, it is still planned that applications for the Leadership Development Program will be accepted.
 - g. Other Items
 - A faculty development initiative is being considered to help faculty adjust to the university's changing demographic.
 - Open fora, including for first-year faculty, senior faculty, and the RU population in general, will be scheduled soon.
 - h. Thanks/Kudos
 - The provost thanked all who attended the meetings on student success and retention.
 - The provost reported that the Sim Lab has received accreditation.
- IV. Dr. Kopf, president of the Faculty Senate, gave his report.
- a. The University Executive Council met to discuss the calendar and approved two motions.
 - One would establish Labor Day as a holiday.
 - One would establish a break on Monday of Week 8, with Tuesday as a Reading Day followed by three days that would be available for midterms, with midterm grades to be reported on Tuesday of Week 9.
 - b. After Dr. Kopf's report, the following topics were discussed.
 - impact on instruction of the elimination of two Mondays
 - status of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Week 8

- impact on deadline for withdrawing from classes.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Campus Environment: No report.
- b. Curriculum: Dr. Gainer reported that the committee had a Motion to Approve Radford University's Core Curriculum Assessment Plan under Old Business.
- c. Faculty Issues: Dr. Barris reported that the committee would bring forward a motion at the next meeting.
- d. Governance: Dr. Schoppelrey reported that the committee would be meeting with the IG taskforce from last year.
- e. Resource Allocation: No report.

VI. Old Business

- a. The Motion to Approve Radford University's Core Curriculum Assessment Plan, referred by the Curriculum Committee, was taken from the table and approved.

VII. New Business

- a. None

VIII. Announcements

- a. Senators were reminded that motions should be sent to the Faculty Senate secretary by Friday (Monday at the latest) in order to be placed on the FSEC agenda.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.