

MINUTES
2014-2015 Faculty Senate Meeting
October 23, 2014
Heth 014

Members present: Erick Ackermann (substituting for Jennifer Whicker), David Allen, Suzanne Ament, Jeff Aspelmeier (interim senator for Psychology), Ian Barland, Vickie Bierman, Brad Bizzell, James Collier, Steve Corwin, Jason Davis, Eric Du Plessis, Lori Elis, Mary Ferrari, Jake Fox, Andrew Foy, Tim Fuhrer, Kim Gainer, Vince Hazleton, Rhett Herman, Rodrigo Hernandez, Bill Hrezo, Margaret Hrezo, Kristen Jagger (substituting for Brent Harper), Prahlad Kasturi, Abhay Kaushik, Jerry Kopf, Elizabeth Lanter, Laura LaRue, James Newman, Laura Newsome, Monica Pazmino-Cevallos, Rob Sanderl, Sandra Schneider, Susan Schoppelrey, Parvinder Sethi (substituting for Skip Watts), Andrea Stanaland, Julie Temple, Paul Thomas, Carter Turner, Amy VanKirk, Jimmy Ray Ward

Members absent: Kevin Ayers, Roann Barris, Seife Dendir, Mary LaLone, Christine Mitchell, Douglas Mitchell, Mashooq Salehin, Wally Scott

Guests: Provost Minner

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.
- II. The minutes for October 9, 2014, were approved.
- III. Provost Minner gave his report.
 - a. Expressions of concern
 - o Dr. Minner expressed the university's concern about the recent death of Ms. Kristen Greene, a freshman and a major in the Department of Art.
 - o Dr. Minner expressed the university's concern about Dr. Roann Barris, chair of the Department of Art, hospitalized with a head injury resulting from a fall.
 - b. "Genocide Awareness" display
 - o "Genocide Awareness" will be returning to campus, with its display probably set up outside The Bonnie.
 - o Space and time will be available for those wishing to respond to the display.
 - c. Assessment Update
 - o Dr. Kolajo, the Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Assessment, has reported that 110 students have taken the CLA+ and that three sessions still remain.
 - o Dr. Minner expects that RU will reach or come close to reaching its target of 200 students.

d. High Impact Practices

- Recruiting is underway for an Amazonian Research Expedition, a Maymester program to be led by Dr. Joy Caughron and Dr. Jason Davis.
- An integrated semester, the Semester on the New, will be offered Fall 2015. A cohort of students would be enrolled in 15 hours of courses (APST 200, BIO 103, CORE 201, RCPT 417, REL 112) unified by a focus on the New River.

e. Thanks/Kudos

- Dr. Minner thanked Homecoming/Family Weekend volunteers.
- Dr. Minner expressed his appreciation for the gathering in celebration of Selu.

f. Class size, graduate enrollment, and retention

- Dr. Minner provided data showing undergraduate class sizes during Fall 2013 and Fall 2014 (chart appended).
- The provost provided data on undergraduate retention (chart appended).
- The provost provided data on graduate enrollment (chart appended). He stated that the number of graduate students was down but that more credit hours were being generated because of an increase in the number of full-time students.
- Dr. Minner noted that information such as the above is available in Radford University Fact Books at Institutional Research, Research, Reporting, and Assessment (<https://ir.radford.edu/factbook/>).

g. Hiring

- Twenty-nine positions—a combination of faculty, staff, and administrative—are being advertised.

h. RU Futures Commission (formerly the Blue Sky Commission)

- Dr. Minner reported that the RU Futures Commission was created against the backdrop of an August 27, 2014, joint meeting between the Academic Affairs and Business Affairs Committees of the Board of Visitors.
- The provost stated that the university needs to put forward a plan as an alternative to the process that led to the designation of Programs of Distinction.
- Drs. Hawkins and Dunleavy were chosen as conveners of the group.
- At least one organizational meeting has been held.
- At the November BOV meeting, a preliminary report will focus on steps taken to organize the commission.
- A campus communication will go out to inform the RU community about the RU Futures Commission.

- IV. Dr. Kopf, president of the Faculty Senate, gave his report.
 - a. Dr. Kopf offered remarks about the importance of faculty taking part in making decisions.
 - b. Dr. Minner replied with a comment on the distinction between the role of making decisions and the role of making recommendations.

- V. Dr. Gainer, secretary of the Faculty Senate, gave a report.
 - a. The Council for Review of University Policy met on October 7, 2014. The Council's membership consists of the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, the current Secretary of the Faculty Senate, the previous year's Secretary, and the Executive Assistant to the Provost. Provost Minner was present as a guest.
 - b. The Council
 - o reviewed the status of motions passed by the Faculty Senate (list appended),
 - o formalized the transmission of motions approved by the Senate to the Provost's office and/or to other interested parties, making the Faculty Senate secretary the responsible party, and
 - o set its next meeting for December 9, 2014, and agreed to meet at least at the end of each semester and more often as necessary.

- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Campus Environment: No report.
 - b. Curriculum: Dr. Gainer reported that the committee was introducing a Motion to Approve Revised Goal 11 Outcomes and a Motion to Expedite Approval of Official Detailed Course Descriptions for Courses Receiving Core Credit.
 - c. Faculty Issues: Drs. Ament and Newsome reported that the committee was introducing a Motion *re* Formation of an Internal Governance Committee on Online Education and that the committee was involved in discussions on Internal Governance.
 - d. Governance: Dr. Schoppelrey reported that the committee was drafting revisions to IG in areas that impact faculty.
 - e. Resource Allocation: Dr. Hazelton reported that the committee hopes to wrap up its work on faculty workload policies before the Winter Break.

- VII. Old Business
 - a. None.

- VIII. New Business
 - a. A Motion to Approve Revised Goal 11 Outcomes, referred by the Curriculum Committee, was introduced and tabled for later discussion.

- b. A Motion Directing the Council for Review of University Policy to Edit the *Internal Governance System and University Committee and Councils*, referred by the Faculty Senate Executive Council, was introduced and tabled for later discussion.
- c. A Motion *re* Formation of an Internal Governance Committee on Online Education, referred by the Faculty Issues Committee, was introduced and tabled for later discussion.
- d. A Motion to Expedite Approval of Official Detailed Course Descriptions for Courses Receiving Core Credit, introduced by the Curriculum Committee, was introduced and tabled for later discussion.
- e. A Motion on Establishing a Fall Break, referred by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, was introduced.
 - o It was moved and seconded that the rules be suspended to allow for discussion of the motion. The motion to suspend the rules was approved.
 - o It was moved and seconded that “Thursday of Week 7” in item 2 of the motion be amended to “Thursday and Friday of Week 7” and that the language following “as the break” be stricken. The motion to amend was approved.
 - o It was moved and seconded that “and to start two days earlier in the fall” be added to item 2 after “as the break.”
 - o The time for adjournment approaching, both the amendment and the main motion were tabled for later consideration.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Fall 2013/2014 Undergraduate Class Sizes

Fall 2013 Undergraduate Class Size								
College	2 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 99	100+	Total
College of Business and Economics	7	10	23	54	15	21	2	132
College of Education and Human Development	16	63	64	26	1	4	4	178
College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences	18	117	144	53	76	52	4	464
College of Science and Technology	16	26	62	48	49	25	5	231
College of Visual and Performing Arts	28	71	16	5	8	14	4	146
Waldron College of Health and Human Services	2	13	8	8	7	7	0	45
Not in an academic college	3	30	124	0	0	0	0	157
Total	90	330	441	194	156	123	19	1,353

Fall 2014 Undergraduate Class Size								
College	2 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 99	100+	Total
College of Business and Economics	3	11	20	51	30	13	3	131
College of Education and Human Development	15	70	65	24	2	4	3	183
College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences	31	115	153	63	67	48	3	480
College of Science and Technology	14	31	48	53	63	19	4	232
College of Visual and Performing Arts	35	59	21	6	4	14	4	143
Waldron College of Health and Human Services	1	13	14	1	12	5	0	46
Not in an academic college	3	25	123	0	0	0	0	151
Total	102	324	444	198	178	103	17	1,366

Fall To Fall RU Retention Rates
(most recent data available)

All U.S. Colleges:	68%
Public Master's Large	73%
RU	74%

Annual Credit Hours Generated By The RU Graduate College

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ON</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ONLINE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1992-1993	11,635	487	0	12,122
1997-1998	15,487	3,487	0	18,974
2002-2003	13,789	4,070	0	17,239
2007-2008	15,893	3,113	899	19,905
2012-2013	13,196	3,047	3,860	21,103
2013-2014	13,918	3,295	4,310	21,523

Report on Motions

Approved by BOV; T & R Faculty Handbook changed accordingly.

- Extending Probationary Period for Tenure

Approved by Provost; to be presented to the BOV.

- Change Composition of College Curriculum Committee
- Create Part Time Special Purpose Faculty
- Specify Role of Student Evaluations in Annual Evaluation
- Evaluation of College Deans

Not approved by Provost in current form; will not be sent forward to BOV at this time.

- Providing for Departmental Criteria for Promotion and Tenure
- Creation of Rank of Senior Instructor
- Elimination of Quadrennial Evaluations of Chair

Forwarded to UEC; motions proposed by UEC on hold.

- Fall Break.

Being addressed by group led by Vice Provost for Academic Affairs (as part of move toward evaluating all courses online)

- Adapt Student Evaluation Questions for Online Courses