

MINUTES
2014-2015 Faculty Senate Meeting
November 20, 2014
Heth 014

Members present: David Allen, Kevin Ayers, Ian Barland, Candice Benjes Small (for Jennifer Whicker), Brad Bizzell, Jeff Chase (interim senator for Psychology), Steve Corwin, Jason Davis, Scott Dunn (for James Collier), Eric Du Plessis, Lori Elis, Mary Ferrari, Jake Fox, Tim Fuhrer, Kim Gainer, Brent Harper, Nozar Hashemzadeh (for Seife Dendir), Vince Hazleton, Rhett Herman, Rodrigo Hernandez, Diane Hodge (for Susan Schoppelrey), Bill Hrezo, Prahlad Kasturi, Abhay Kaushik, Susan Kwilecki (for Suzanne Ament), Mary LaLone, Douglas Mitchell, James Newman, Laura Newsome, Sandra Schneider, Andrea Stanaland, Julie Temple, Paul Thomas, Carter Turner, Amy VanKirk, Jimmy Ray Ward, Skip Watts

Members absent: Roann Barris, Vickie Bierman, Andrew Foy, Margaret Hrezo, Jerry Kopf, Elizabeth Lanter, Laura LaRue, Christine Mitchell, Monica Pazmino-Cevallos, Mashooq Salehin, Rob Sanderl, Wally Scott

Guests: Ebenezer Kolajo

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m.
- II. The minutes for November 6, 2014, were approved.
- III. Dr. Carter, vice president of the Faculty Senate, gave his report.
 - a. Dr. Carter remarked that plans for career services have unofficially grown from \$467 thousand to \$1.7 million. He stated that the faculty needed to get ahead of recommendations that would require internal reallocation without a BOV vote to raise tuition/fees, with the money earmarked to career services or other initiatives.
- IV. Dr. Gainer, secretary of the Faculty Senate, gave her report.
 - a. Dr. Barris is recovering at home and receiving visitors.
 - b. The recommendations in the Motion on Establishing a Fall Break, as Amended, were accepted by the University and Executive Council, which has forwarded them to the university president.
 - c. The following motions are being considered by the Board of Visitors: Motion Revising the T & R Faculty Handbook to Change Composition of College Curriculum Committees, Motion Specifying Role of Student Evaluations in Annual Evaluation of Faculty, and Motion *re* Evaluation of College Deans.
 - d. The Motion providing for Departmental Criteria for Promotion and Tenure, which had not been approved by the provost, has been revised and is being reintroduced by the Governance Committee.
 - e. An additional resource has been posted to the Faculty Senate website: Radford University 2014 Six-Year Plan—Part II.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Campus Environment: No report.
- b. Curriculum: Dr. Gainer reported that that the committee had met with Dr. Jeanne Mekolichick, who had answered members' questions about high impact practices, and with Drs. Kennan and Oyos, who provided an update on the online administration of student evaluations planned for all classes.
- c. Faculty Issues: Dr. Schneider reported that the committee had one motion under Old Business: a Motion *re* Formation of an Internal Governance Committee on Online Education.
- d. Governance: No report. [But see IV.d.]
- e. Resource Allocation: Dr. Kasturi reported that the committee had met with the provost to discuss compensation and workload issues.

VI. Old Business

- a. The Motion *re* Formation of an Internal Governance Committee on Online Education, referred by the Faculty Issues Committee, was taken up for discussion.
 - o It was moved and seconded that a librarian be specified as a member of the committee. The amendment was approved.
 - o It was moved and seconded that the motion be returned to committee with instructions that the membership of the committee be further specified and that the convening authority be identified. The motion to return to committee carried.
- b. The Motion on Policy and Procedures for Determining Credit Hours, referred by the Academic Affairs Leadership Team, was taken up for discussion.
 - o Dr. Kolajo answered several questions regarding the motion, after which the question was called and the motion passed.

VII. New Business

- a. A Motion Providing for Departmental Criteria for Promotion and Tenure, referred by the Governance Committee, was introduced and placed on the table for later discussion.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.