

MINUTES
2014-2015 Faculty Senate Meeting
February 19, 2015
Heth 014

Members present: Suzanne Ament, Kevin Ayers, Ian Barland, Roann Barris, Vickie Bierman, Brad Bizzell, Carol Bland (for Sandra Schneider), Scott Dunn (for James Collier), Jason Davis, Lori Elis, Mary Ferrari, Jake Fox, Andrew Foy, Tim Fuhrer, Kim Gainer, Brent Harper, Vince Hazleton, Rhett Herman, Prahlad Kasturi, Jerry Kopf, Elizabeth Lanter, Douglas Mitchell, James Newman, Tom Pierce, Susan Schoppelrey, Julie Temple, Paul Thomas, Carter Turner, Amy VanKirk, Jimmy Ray Ward, Skip Watts,

Members absent: David Allen, Seife Dendir, Eric Du Plessis, Rodrigo Hernandez, Bill Hrezo, Margaret Hrezo, Abhay Kaushik, Mary LaLone, Laura LaRue, Christine Mitchell, Laura Newsome, Monica Pazmino-Cevallos, Mashooq Salehin, Rob Sanderl, Wally Scott, Neil Sigmon, Andrea Stanaland, Jennifer Whicker

Guests: Joe Carpenter, Vice President for University Relations; Dennis Grady, Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies; Laura Jacobsen, Associate Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.
- II. The minutes for February 5, 2015, were approved.
- III. Dr. Kopf introduced the representatives of the RU Futures Group: Drs. Foy and Hazleton, both senators; Vice President for University Relations Joe Carpenter; and Dr. Jacobsen, Associate Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies. He stated that New Business would be introduced but otherwise the usual agenda would not be followed in order to provide people with an opportunity to participate. The meeting was then turned over to Dr. Hazleton.
- IV. RU Futures Group presentation
 - a. Dr. Hazleton pointed out the features of the Futures Group website (<http://www.radford.edu/content/futures/home.html/>) and asked senators to spread information to people unable to attend one of the forums.
 - b. Dr. Foy stated that students should also be encouraged to submit ideas.
 - c. Dr. Hazleton reported that ideas would be rated and pared down to a manageable number and that the resulting list would be brought back to the faculty for feedback. A report would then be made to the provost and the president. Ultimately, a report would be made to the Board of Visitors.
 - d. Discussion included questions about the timeline, about how challenges and opportunities sometimes seem to cancel each other out, about the future of online courses; and about continuing education as both a revenue-generating opportunity and a service to alumni.
 - e. Senators suggested that suggestions could be uploaded to the website and that the usual agenda could be returned to. Dr. Hazleton concluded by asking senators to go back to their colleagues and encourage them to visit the site and

consider contributing and by stating that faculty had an opportunity to have an impact.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Campus Environment: Dr. Newman reported that the committee would be introducing two motions.
- b. Curriculum: No report.
- c. Faculty Issues: Dr. Barris reported that a meeting will be held with two SGA representatives to discuss the issue of posting midterm grades for all students.
- d. Governance: No report.
- e. Resource Allocation: Dr. Kasturi reported that the committee has drafted a faculty workload policy statement and will be meeting with the Governance Committee.

VI. Old Business.

- a. The Motion re Formation of an Internal Governance Committee on Online Education, referred by the Faculty Issues Committee, was taken from the table. After discussion, the question was called and the motion was approved.
- b. The Motion to Change the Name of the Graduate College, referred by the Graduate Affairs Committee and placed on the agenda by the FSEC, was taken from the table. After discussion, the question was called and the motion was approved.
- c. One motion was left on the table for future consideration: a Motion Providing for Departmental Criteria for Promotion and Tenure, referred by the Governance Committee, referred by the Governance Committee.

VII. New Business

- a. A Motion Calling for Dual Career Services for Faculty at Radford University, referred by the Campus Environment Committee, was introduced and tabled for later discussion.
- b. A Motion on Tobacco Free Campus, referred by the Campus Environment Committee, was introduced and tabled for later discussion.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Dr. Kopf announced that Brooke Chang, Title IX Coordinator and Director of Diversity and Equity, would be presenting on Title IX at a future senate meeting and stated that faculty need to understand the terms and procedures of the revamped policy.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.