

MINUTES
2015-2016 Faculty Senate
February 4, 2016
Heth 014

Members present: Suzanne Ament, Craig Arthur (for Jennifer Whicker), Ian Barland, Steve Beach (for Rodrigo Hernandez), Vicki Bierman, Brad Bizzell, Joy Caughron, Steve Childers, James Collier, Tanya Corbin (for Paige Tan), Eric Du Plessis, Jake Fox, Andrew Foy, Tim Fuhrer, Kim Gainer, Jim Gumaer, Brent Harper, Nicole Hendrix, Rhett Herman, Katie Hilden, Prahlad Kasturi, Abhay Kaushik, Youngmi Kim, Jerry Kopf, Mary LaLone, Elizabeth Lanter, Laura LaRue, Douglas Mitchell, Johnny Moore, Monica Pazmino, Mashooq Salehin, Sandra Schneider, Susan Schoppelrey, Neil Sigmon, Andrea Stanaland, Julie Temple, Paul Thomas, Cheri Triplett, Carter Turner, Amy VanKirk, Jimmy Ray Ward, Skip Watts, Anja Whittington

Members absent: Roann Barris, Jeffrey Chase, Jennifer Mabry

Guests: Dr. Joseph Scartelli, Acting Provost; Dr. Dennis Grady, Dean, College of the Graduate College and Research

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.
- II. The minutes for December 3, 2015, were approved.
- III. The Faculty Senate President gave his report.
 - a. The presidential search process worked out well, with opportunities for everyone's voices to be heard, including the faculty representatives, and he described the presidential search committee as an excellent working group. He reported that he participated in the BOV closed section although as faculty representative to the Board he did not have a vote. Dr. Thomas agreed that the process went well and that the invitation to the presidential search committee's faculty representatives to speak to the Board in December was both unexpected and important.
 - b. Many individuals, including Drs. Turner and Lollard and President Kyle, were very active in making phone calls and sending letters regarding the changes proposed by the Virginia Retirement System. These changes are now on hold.
 - c. Another round of cost-benefit analyses were underway, with the last set of reviews to be submitted to the Board in May.
 - d. The *Motion to Amend the T & R Handbook with a Statement about Midterm Grade Reports* has been approved by the Board.

IV. The Provost gave his report.

- a. When the cost-benefit analyses to be submitted to the BOV in May, the Board will have a full set of these analyses.
- b. Dr. Scartelli toured the Radford Early Learning Center and found it to be state of the art.
- c. The *Motion to Amend the T & R Handbook with a Statement about Midterm Grade Reports* had been supported by both the Faculty Senate and the Student Government Association.
- d. The Occupational Therapy Doctorate has been approved by the BOV and that the proposal now will be submitted to SCHEV.
- e. The BOV has requested a report on assessment practices for its May meeting.
- f. Meetings will be taking place with the incoming president, Dr. Hemphill, including a meeting with the deans in late February or early March.
- g. Dr. Dunleavy will be assisting the College of Education and Human Development with its assessment efforts.
- h. A national search is underway for an Assistant Provost for Academic Operations. In the interim, Dr. Shoemaker has agreed to take on some of the duties of that office.

V. Committee reports

- a. Campus Environment: No report.
- b. Curriculum: Dr. Gainer reported that the committee continues to discuss reforming and clarifying curriculum pathways in the IG Document and will liaise with the Governance Committee on that issue.
- c. Faculty Issues: Dr. Ament reported that the committee is addressing the issue of online student evaluations.
- d. Governance: Dr. Hilden reported that the committee is preparing motions to streamline Internal Governance.
- e. Resource Allocation: Dr. Kasturi reported that the committee will leave the *Motion to Recommend Assessment Plans and Programs for Administrative Units of Radford University* on the table. Dr. Kasturi also reported that the committee is working on recommendations concerning the cost-benefit analyses.

VI. Old business

- a. The *Motion to Approve the Academic Program Review Process and Template*, referred by the FSEC on behalf of the Academic Program Review Committee, was taken from the table. After comments by Dr. Grady, the question was called. The motion passed.
- b. A *Motion to Recommend Assessment Plans and Programs for Administrative Units of Radford University*, referred by the Resource Allocation Committee, remains on the table.
- c. A *Motion to Eliminate Quadrennial Evaluations of Department Chairs/School Directors*, referred by the Faculty Issues Committee, remains on the table.

VII. New business

- a. *Motion to Approve Graduate Certificate in Professional Writing*, referred by the Curriculum Committee.
- b. *Motion to Approve Psychiatric Mental Health Practitioner (PMHNP) Graduate Certificate*, referred by the Curriculum Committee.
 - Dr. Bierman made a motion to suspend the rules in order to discuss and vote on the above motion. The motion to suspend the rules was seconded. Dr. Grady stated that there was a time question relating to the SCHEV approval necessary to start the program. The motion to suspend the rules passed.
 - The question on the main motion was called. The motion passed.

VIII. Announcements

- a. None

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.