

MINUTES
2015-2016 Faculty Senate
February 18, 2016
Heth 014

Members present: Roann Barris, Vicki Bierman, Brad Bizzell, Joy Caughron, Steve Childers, James Collier, Eric Du Plessis, Jake Fox, Andrew Foy, Tim Fuhrer, Kim Gainer, Jim Gumaer, Katie Hilden, Abhay Kaushik, Youngmi Kim, Jerry Kopf, Mary LaLone, Elizabeth Lanter, Douglas Mitchell, Johnny Moore, Mashooq Salehin, Sandra Schneider, Susan Schoppelrey, Neil Sigmon, Andrea Stanaland, Paige Tan, Julie Temple, Paul Thomas, Cheri Triplett, Carter Turner, Amy VanKirk, Jimmy Ray Ward, Skip Watts, Jennifer Whicker, Anja Whittington

Members absent: Suzanne Ament, Ian Barland, Jeffrey Chase, Brent Harper, Nicole Hendrix, Rhett Herman, Rodrigo Hernandez, Prahlad Kasturi, Laura LaRue, Jennifer Mabry, Monica Pazmino

Guests: Dr. Joseph Scartelli, Acting Provost; Dr. Laura Vernon, Department of English

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.
- II. The minutes for February 4, 2016, were approved.
- III. The Faculty Senate President, Dr. Kopf, gave his report.
 - a. The COACHE survey is distributed to tenured/tenure track faculty only.
- IV. The Provost, Dr. Scartelli, gave his report.
 - a. A presentation on a new advising system will be open to all faculty.
- V. Committee reports
 - a. Campus Environment: Dr. Fox reported that the committee is working on a motion *re* retirement transition plans and is preparing to distribute the Faculty Morale Survey.
 - b. Curriculum: Dr. Gainer reported that the committee has a motion under Old Business for a graduate certificate and that it continues to liaise with the Governance Committee on the subject of IG reform. In addition, Dr. Hermann has met with the Registrar, Mr. Brunner, regarding Official Detailed Course Descriptions and updating of descriptions is underway.
 - c. Faculty Issues: Dr. Barris reported that the committee is introducing two motions under New Business: one on the timing student evaluations and the other on the protocol.

- d. Governance: Dr. Hilden reported that the committee is introducing two motions, one to create the rank of senior instructor and the other to recommend a pay step upon promotion to senior instructor.
- e. Resource Allocation: Dr. Watts reported that the committee is bringing forward a motion regarding the assessment of administrative units. This motion supersedes one that had been tabled.

VI. Old business

- a. *A Motion to Recommend Assessment Plans for Administrative Units and Academic Support Services That Focus on Learning Outcomes and Radford University's Academic Mission*, referred by the Resource Allocation Committee, replacement motion for a *Motion to Recommend Assessment Plans and Programs for Administrative Units of Radford University*, was taken from the table.
 - Dr. Schoppelrey moved that the word “learning” in “learning outcomes” be stricken and the word “educational” be inserted in its place. The amendment was approved.
 - Dr. Gainer moved that the phrases “First Resolution:” and “Second Resolution:” be stricken and that “, and” be inserted after “student success.” The amendments were approved.
 - The question was called by Dr. Collier, the call for the question was called, and the motion as amended was approved.
- b. The *Motion to Approve Graduate Certificate in Professional Writing*, referred by the Curriculum Committee, was taken from the table. Dr. Vernon, representing the English Department, was invited to speak to the motion and answer question. The question was called and the motion approved.
- 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 Create Classification of Senior Instructor*, referred by the Governance Committee.
- b. *Motion on Pay Raise with Promotion to Senior Instructor*, referred by the Governance Committee
 - Dr. Barris made a motion to suspend the rules in order to discuss and vote upon motions a. and b. The motion to suspend died for lack of a second.
- c. *Motion for Changes to the Protocol for Administering Evaluations*, referred by the Faculty Issues Committee
- d. *Motion on the Timing of Student Evaluations*, referred by the Faculty Issues Committee

VIII. Announcements

a. None

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.