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Faculty Senate

VCU's Philosophy on Share Governance states:

"We value transparency in university and unit decisions such that the various constituencies of the university are aware of how decisions are made and the rationale for those decisions, which will ensure the university remains mission-focused." For this transparency to work, please share information with your constituents. The full statement is located at

https://president.vcu.edu/media/president/assets/pdfs/Univ_Council_Philosophy_of_Shared_Governance_Approved_May_4_2017.pdf.

Faculty Senate

Connecting faculty to VCU administration and to each other

The purpose of the Faculty Senate shall be the furtherance and dissemination of knowledge and professional skills through teaching, study, research, creativity, exhibition, performance, and provision of community service. An additional objective will be to help insure through investigation, examination, comment and recommendation that the educational goal of the University is being realized by the policies and procedures employed in the University.

Faculty Senate Leadership Meeting DRAFT Bullet Points — April 21, via ZOOOMMMMM! , 4:00 – 6:00 PM

For complete minutes and related files, see: <http://www.facultysenate.vcu.edu/>
Please email Everett Carpenter (ecarpenter2@vcu.edu) questions or corrections.

President report

- For the full meeting will have provost give report
- Elections (one candidate per slot)
- Guest the athletic directory and D'Arcy May will join

Committee Updates

- Maria Teves -- Academic Affairs
 - Finalize the draft for report on annual evaluations - suggestions for best practices
 - Provide a general rubric for guidance
 - Needs to be developed adjusted with faculty involvement to help with transparency
 - Will attach draft to minutes.
 - Send to leadership feedback by April 27 and then bring to full senate in May
- Neno Russell -- Shared Governance
 - Focus has been formulation of list of committees
 - Not been able to advance since Provost's list came right at spring break
- Susan Bodnar-Green - Academic Programs
 - Maggie Tolman was asking for faculty presence on their subcommittees
 - She would like to join us at leadership meeting in August

- Student success nothing new for May meeting, but more maybe for Fall
- Valerie Robnolt - Academic Support
 - Participating in school of the arts dean search. Working on issues around the classroom environments. So she has been asking how to the address it
 - New Arts Building coming - but on hold
- Jose Alcaine - Alumni and Community Relations
 - Nothing to report
- Scott Street - Credentials and Rules
 - Nothing to report
- Susanna Klein - Diversity
 - Had a meeting with Ashar via zoom where he provided updates from his office
 - Left meeting to find ways to collaborate on taskforces, committees, etc
 - His approach is to start pilots and then work with deans to roll it out to everyone
- Economic Status and Budget -
 - Roxanne starts as chair of the committee
 - Scott sits on university budget advisory committee last met week before spring break, Discussed strategies to increase enrollment, Has not met since then
 - Emergency BOV meeting to discuss budget - lots of concern and uncertainty
 - Governors have cut \$21M from budget - large cuts to Massey Cancer over next two years, \$7M in undergraduate financial aid, etc..
 - VCU sitting in better situation that colleagues across the state because the state funds us so low.
 - Provost is aware of concerns about budget, but they have not been permitted to say anything before the governor's talk. FS will be included in process once she is able to talk about it. But discussion will be ultimate by Rao and Finance VP
- Carmen Rodriguez - Legislature
 - State FS was supposed to meet but was postponed. Trying to collect info about what the other institutions are doing like UVa has agreed to cut admin salaries by 10%
 - Maybe FSVA have a meeting in May after classes
- Chris Saladino - Student Affairs
 - Student elections called off, without a SGA body until fall 2020
 - So all is put on hold
- Scott - VCU health/Monroe Park
 - Initial meeting Kevin ...
 - But no time right now
- Ashley Brewer - Media
 - Working on updates
 - Official retirement date for word press is May 18, so migrating to new format

Updates--

-- CMS updates - how will the transition proceed now? No, discussion yet. Everything is still on track to change away from Blackboard to Canvas this summer. The new system was due to start transitioning with superusers this semester with more coming over the summer and this fall starting the large scale migration. Full integration to Canvas in

spring. July 1, 2021 no more Blackboard. There is a conversion tool to move blackboard to canvas.95-99% right, still need to double check. Possibly postpone transition due to budget, but still unclear.

-- Possibly faculty would be willing to work on their own time over the summer to help with taskforces/committees etc.

-- Discussions around Provost over Hiring Freeze/Dean Hires optics etc

-- Need to be proactive about budget issues FS and SS should be at the table

-- Need to be part of discussion about work loads etc - Academic continuity committee