



VCU

Faculty Senate

Bullet Points — February 27, 2018, Larrick Center

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Provost's Office Report (Gail Hackett, Deborah Noble-Triplett, and Karol Gray)

- Hackett provided an update on several administrative searches. Vice Provost for Strategic Enrollment Management: an offer has been made, and the university is waiting for a response. Dean of Social Work: an offer has been made, and VCU is waiting for a response. Dean of University College: interviews of top candidates recently began. Vice Provost for Research and Innovation: an offer was made in the fall semester but not accepted, so additional interviews will be held shortly.
- Noble-Triplett spoke about VCU's recruitment of international students and its partnership with Navitas. She explained Navitas' corporate history and principal interests, as well as the benefits the company will provide for VCU. She also provided data on the financial terms of the agreement. Hackett emphasized the VCU will control the academic content of the courses within this program.
- Gray provided an update on the New Budget Model, and reminded senators that the committee plans to hold all units harmless as it transitions into the new model. Senator Street told senators they can also speak with their financial officers if they have any questions about the new model.

Nominating Committee Report (Holly Alford)

- Alford offered the slate of candidates put forth by the committee for 2018-2019 Faculty Senate offices, and explained that candidates' bios have been distributed via email. Susan Kornstein self-nominated for the number two slot as VCU Health Sciences campus representative. There being no other nominations from the floor, the proposed slate was accepted. Senators will vote on this slate at the next meeting. Alford thanked her committee members for their assistance.

Symposium on Academic Freedom & Freedom of Speech (Nancy Jallo)

- Jallo announced the details of this symposium, which will occur in the Student Commons (MPC) on April 5. She asked senators to spread the word, and to try to attend. Registration, and the chance to choose box lunches, will be forthcoming. Jallo thanked her committee members for their help.

President's Report (Scott Street)

- Street discussed proposed changes to the academic calendar. Changes under consideration deal with the beginning of the semester, class days just prior to holidays, and the VCU "reading days" schedule. Several senators asked questions, as noted in the full minutes.
- Ashley Brewer, Faculty Senate webmaster, explained that changes are coming to VCU's website, and these will impact the Faculty Senate website, temporarily, in the near future.

"Bylaws of the Faculty" and "Standing Rules of Faculty Senate" (Joan Pellegrini)

- Pellegrini distributed copies of the annual Faculty Senate apportionment report, and discussed the reapportionment of Faculty Senate for the coming year. Pellegrini highlighted which units lost representatives based on our governance documents (and the VCU Human Resources redesign), which units will need volunteers for positions, and as alternates, in the coming year.
- Street explained the next steps for the updated Bylaws of the Faculty. Pellegrini distributed copies, and explained key changes. The motion to move the bylaws forward passed.

Committee Meetings

- The senate adjourned at 5:30pm. Most senators stayed for meetings with their committees.