



VCU

Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Meeting Bullet Points — May 1, 2018

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President's Report (Scott Street)

- Street provided updates on several VCU searches. Street reminded senators of the Black and Gold development campaign, and asked all to contribute. Street announced that Scott Gronert of the CHS is leaving for a job in Wisconsin. Street thanked senators whose terms expire this year.

"Standing Rules of Faculty Senate" (Joan Pellegrini)

- Pellegrini explained that final revisions to the Standing Rules (based on recommendations) were only minor in nature, and distributed the updated Standing Rules. Senator Artello asked for an amendment re-granting her committee (Academic and Professional Status) authority over shared governance. That amendment passed, and the revised Standing Rules were adopted unanimously.

Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence Update (Enoch Hale)

- Street reminded senators that Hale is departing this summer for a new position outside of VCU. Hale discussed recent developments within the CTLE, and introduced his staff, and explained that he believes the CTLE is well positioned to move forward under new leadership.

Office of Administration Update (Meredith Weiss and staff)

- Weiss mentioned the new VCU master plan—One VCU—and discussed its development and implementation. Weiss also discussed "Make It Amazing," VCU's customer service initiative. The head of Facilities Management discussed the Institute for Contemporary Arts and the forthcoming STEM building. The head of Human Resources discussed the HR Redesign and new initiatives for the training, evaluation, and promotion. The head of Safety and Risk Management noted that VCU is working to provide better care for workplace injuries and reduce the danger of hazardous substances. The head of Technology Services announced a Blackboard update, an expansion of the Top Hat student response system, and an upgrade to the Echo360 lecture capturing service. The Chief of Police discussed improvements in VCU Parking, and reductions in robberies on the core campus, updates to the campus video surveillance system, and efforts to avoid officer use of force.

GenEd30 (Jennifer Johnson and Faye Prichard)

- Johnson explained the history of the committee and its recommendations. Johnson reviewed suggestions that were submitted to improve the initial GenEd30 recommendations, and the changes that were made as a result.

New Budget Model Update (Karol Gray and Gail Hackett)

- Gray explained that VCU ran parallel old and new budgets during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the new budget model will go live but units will be held harmless. Gray noted that the Budget Office has been working with deans and chairs to explain the new system.

Provost Office Report (Gail Hackett)

- Hackett thanked the GenEd30 committee and announced that this process will continue next year. Hackett said her office has been focusing on student success, and will discuss this more next year. Hackett mentioned that a task force on Term Faculty will be created next year, and additional faculty groups related to undergraduate curriculum transformation will also be coming. Hackett discussed a task force related to class scheduling. Hackett provide a handful of search updates.