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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 Meeting DRAFT Bullet Points — January 28, 2020

Larrick Center, 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.

Call to order by President Nancy Jallo, 4:02PM

Provost Office Report by Dr. Gail Hackett, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs – Provided a Presentation “Student Success at VCU”.

- The presentation will be attached to the minutes and posted on the faculty senate website.
- Several rebuttals/comments to the AAUP resolution
 - Former NCAT partner Carolyn Jarmon is a consultant to help with course redesign to address high DFW rates. Right now, the Provost's office need help from individual departments to identify courses with high DFW rates and justify the rates and come up with suggests for reducing where appropriate.
 - The Provost's office is concerned with the treatment of adjuncts as well. While there has been some progress in the last 2 years, more needs to be done. She has begun to work with the dean's offices to help determine the optimal ratio of term to adjunct to tenure/tenure-track.

Provost Office Tomikia LeGrande, Strategic Student Enrollment

- The presentation will be attached to the minutes and posted on the faculty senate website.
- Take-aways: There is a goal of increase freshman acceptance rate from 30 to 42%, double out of state students to 20%, and increase the number of transfer students. There is also problems Retention is the next issue, 80% retention.

University Police, Interim Police Chief Mike O’Berry

- The presentation will be attached to the minutes and posted on the faculty senate website.
- If any concerns with public transportation, please contact VCU police hmoberry@vcu.edu.
- 96% feel safe or very safe on campus
- Use of force complaints down

Faculty Senate President’s Report Nancy Jallo, President Faculty Senate

- Developing a faculty senate taskforce to help look at the problem and create recommendation of student success: see leadership meeting
- Nancy Jallo was the only faculty representative at the Strategic Research Priorities Planning committee and updates were provided.
- As every faculty senate committee representative, she welcomes any feedback on committee reports to faculty senate.

Additional Committee Reports

Carmen Rodriguez Comments from the Faculty Senate of Virginia and the Legislative affairs committee

- 4.7% raise has successfully been put on the agenda
- Bill to include faculty senate in board of visitors searches for presidents

Resolution from the American Association of University Professors – Everett E Carpenter, President of the VCU chapter

- A copy of the resolution will be attached with the minutes and posted on the faculty senate website. Any questions feel free to reach out to me directly ecarpenter2@vcu.edu
- If you feel your or your colleagues academic freedom is being challenged, feel free to reach out to your senator or the AAUP.
- Next AAUP chapter meeting is Jan 31, at 2:00 Temple Hall 3309

Valeria Robnolt – Academic Support Services committee

Technology Funding Sources:

- Student technology fee - \$2 million with \$600,000 that is taken off the top for licenses, etc. \$1.4 million is left to spend. This money has more flexibility in how it’s spent, but there needs to be student input.
- HEETF funds - Comes from the state and backed by bonds at about \$10 million for research, instruction, and support. Tied to the strategic plan. Technology requests

have to be \$500 minimum. Submit in June, committee meets in the summer and submit to SCHEV in September. Each unit has a different process for how funds are requested. For example, CHS rank orders requests.

- Issues/Problems with Classrooms:
 - Goal is for all classrooms to be ready for use for effective instruction.
 - Step #1: Report any problems to the department chair first and see if they can fix the problem.
 - Step #2: If the problem can't be fixed, then move your class.
There are 150-170 centrally scheduled classrooms and there's a standing committee that meets about those classrooms.
 - Contact FMD (Facilities Management Division) customer service team that operates 24/7 and responds to the routine and emergency maintenance needs of all faculty, students, staff, and affiliates. Go to this link: <https://fss.vcu.edu/> or call 828-9444.

Scott Street – Credentials and Rules Committee

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- Several office position in the spring, as well as two campus reps. Two listed duties to act as liaison between faculty senate and admin of their campus. Questions is, are those positions necessary.... There will be a second email describing this in more details.

Adjournment

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 — 4:00-6:00 PM in the Monroe Park, University Student Commons