Faculty Senate Leadership Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2021
4:00 – 6:00 PM
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Procedural Items:
Call to order, Welcome
Valerie Robnolt, President

Minutes from retreat on August 17, 2021
Everett Carpenter, Recording Secretary

Visit with Provost
Fotis Sotiropoulos, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Provost discussions:
The provost allowed for an hour discussion back and forth with leadership about a variety of concerns.
Some of the topics brought up
--revolved about international partnerships,
--progress of the ADA coordinator,
--asking about the big picture vision to help address low faculty morale,
--GenEd changes and progress of racial literacy course,
--RCM model and how to vertically integrate programs

Great quote Fotis shared -- “vision without execution is hallucination.”

Other items discussed:
Sharing meetings – we ask members to share the minutes with anyone, we need to include the word
DRAFT at the top and we update them as we get information then once there are no more changes,
convert it to final version and remove draft.

Faculty search standards across campus. Great discussion about ranking candidates and giving
administration some leeway to take into account information the committee does not have.

Shared governance concerns and the power struggle discussion.

Speaker has been finalized for the Faculty Wellness symposia

Spring schedule and calendar. Just approved mini-mesters for spring to provide more options
Legislature nothing to share yet. Getting feedback on first meeting for the fall REAL council – request for more tenure and tenure track faculty to serve on the council. Readings and discussion maybe have moderators prepared ahead of time to summarize the reading Discussed the role of the campus reps and the VCU health services committee

Faculty Senate Agenda (October 5, 2020)
Provost Office Report
Student Update – Tomikia LeGrande and Chuck Klink
Caste discussion that was postponed from May’s meeting (Breakouts)

Faculty Senate Committees Business/Goals

**VCU Health Systems Relations** – Discussion of future of committee
TBD (chair)

**Faculty Affairs** - faculty evaluations and appeal process
Maria Teves (chair)

**Governance**-shared governance (school/unit)- what are other schools doing
Kristy Artello (co-chair)
Oliver Karam (co-chair)

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**Academic Programs and Research** - course evaluations
Ryan Cales (chair)

**Diversity and Inclusive Excellence**- anti-racism statement action items
Sarah Jane Brubaker (chair)

**Academic Support Services**- facilities
Valerie Robnolt (chair)

**Alumni and Community Relations**
Gaynell Sherrod (chair)

**Website and Social Media**
Ashley Brewer (chair)

**Credentials and Rules**
Scott Street (chair)

**State Legislative and Statewide Relations**
Carmen Rodriquez (co-chair)
Pat Cummins (co-chair)

**Student Affairs – meeting with SGA**
Chris Saladino (chair)

**Economic Status, Budget, and Planning**
Roxanne Spindle (chair)

**MCV/MPC Representatives**
Mark Crosthwaite MCV Campus Rep; Health Professions, Radiologic, Technology
Jesse Goldstein Monroe Park Campus Rep College of Humanities and Science, Dep of Sociology

**Next FS Meeting:** October 5, 2021 4-6pm Zoom

**Next Leadership Meeting:** October 19, 2021 4-6 pm Zoom

Minutes