Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda  
May 5, 2020  
4:00-6:00 pm  
Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: https://vcu.zoom.us/j/9377611335  
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Procedural Items:

Call to order  
Nancy Jallo, President  
(2 minutes)

Minutes from March 24, 2020 meeting  
Everett Carpenter, Recording Secretary  
(3 minutes)

Nomination Committee-Officer elections  
Scott Street, Past President and Nominations Committee Chair  
(5 minutes)

2020-2021 Slate of Officers:
President — Nancy Jallo (Nursing, Family and Community Health Nursing)  
Vice President — Valerie Robnolt (Education, Teaching and Learning)  
Recording Secretary & Treasurer — Everett Carpenter (H&S, Chemistry)  
Corresponding Secretary — Maria Rivera (H&S, Biology)  
MCV Campus Representative — Mark Crosthwaite (Health Professions, Radiologic Technology)  
MPC Campus Representative — Jesse Goldstein (H&S, Sociology)

Guests:

Provost Office Report — provost.vcu.edu  
Gail Hackett, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs  
(10 minutes)

Status of VCU Athletics-annual report  
Darcy P. Mays, Faculty Athletic Representative  
Ed McLaughlin, Athlete Director  
(10 minutes)

Faculty Senate Items:

Faculty Senate President’s Report  
Nancy Jallo, President Faculty Senate  
(5 minutes)
Committee Updates – Business Update

1. Faculty Affairs — Kyungh An & Maria Teves
2. Draft Faculty Evaluation
3. Shared Governance – Kristy Artello
4. Academic Programs and Research — Susan Bodnar-Deren
5. Academic Support Services — Valerie Robnolt
6. Alumni and Community Relations —
7. Credentials and Rules — Scott Street
8. Diversity and Inclusive Excellence — Susanna Klein
9. Economic Status, Budget, and Planning — Roxanne Spindle
10. University Budget Advisory Committee update – Scott Street
11. State Legislative & Statewide Relations — Pat Cummins & Carmen Rodriguez
12. Student Affairs — Chris Saladino
13. VCU Health Systems Relations — Allison Gregory & Vamsi Yadavalli
14. Website and Social Media — Ashley Brewer

Faculty Representation – Other Committees

1. REAL Update
   Mary Boyes, Everett Carpenter, Patricia Cummins-Faculty Representation
   Erin Webster Garrett- Assistant Vice Provost, REAL
2. Academic Continuity Committee
   Valerie Robnolt
3. Others?

Adjournment
Meeting called to order at 4:00 by Nancy

Minutes from last meeting approved and sent out

Nominations and Elections of New Officers
  President - Nancy Jallo
  VP = Valerie Robnolt
  Record = Everett Carpenter
  Coorresp = Maria Riveria
  MCV = Mark Crosthwaite
  MPC = Jesse Goldstein
  Officers elected by acclamation

Provost's Report - Gale Hackett
  Lots going on - most related to budget and enrollment
  Tomikia LaGrande on the call to help answer questions on enrollment
  Summer looks very good with respect to enrollment,
  Fall enrollment looks down, but improves daily
  Budget still in the air since state budget in flux and so is enrollment
    Best of times 2/3 budget is based on enrollment
  In Budget, no decisions finalized but currently
    we are prioritizing current employees - no plans for lay offs
    Dean's received requests for various budget cut scenarios
    ~20M from CARES with half directly to students, rest free to go to budget shortfall
    Pulling from all reserves which can be pulled
    Protected faculty promotions from budget issues - lump sum of money at university level
      Questions:
        When would best estimation for fall enrollment? Around Jun 15th for new freshmen
        continuing enrollment best estimated in early August. Currently down by ~7% 25% two
        weeks ago
  Create a Faculty Staff advisory committee
    to allow faculty be more involved in recommendation on reopening going to the president
  Issue of Fall Opening -
    Pulse survey -- most vulnerable students most negative about remote instruction
    Not opening prematurely looking at VDH, CDC, etc about our plans when it is safe to open
    This going to be around for a long time
    Not going to be playing with peoples health
    Going to be flexible - not force anyone- about people coming to campus when they feel safe
    Need to have at least some hybrid classes - must be prepared for second/third wave of virus
    Alternative start dates for the fall
    Need to be able to give 36 sqft per student
    Give faculty many more resources since we have more time to give that
    Talking with Cassman (President of Noodle) - offering help to teach bootcamps for faculty
    Issues with experiential learning - like clinical programs and internships, working on that
    Issues around researchers getting back to labs- working on that as well

Darcy Mays - Faculty representative about the athletics
  Lots of planning based on 10 year budget plan, but now in flux
  No E&G money goes to building and such
  300 athletes, 17 sports, 1.33% of grad changes are for athletes a little bit higher than for the
  body as a whole. This potentially due to weather in Decembers. So there were lots of I
  which needed to be changed.

Presidents Report - Nancy Jallo
  Huge thanks for Kim Case - Thank a professor program
  Research development advisory committee - how do we reopen in phases
    With concerns on teaching load, scholarship, and tenure clock
  Need reps for Faculty Leadership council to help with an overall plan for career develop
Upcoming BOV meeting - Virtual Meetings live streamed

Committee reports

Faculty Affairs-
- During the year, looking at faculty annual evaluations across units. They are very different in each unit. Put together and presented a best practice report.

Shared Governance-
- Encourage volunteering on committees
- Review membership of university committees
- Changed name to just Governance
- Work to make sure faculty are involved in important decisions

Academic Programs and Research-
- How to measure student success - Maggie Tolman need to re-envisioned due to COVID. Reports that the committee Vetting and Approving courses for General Education, roll out fall 2021.

Academic Support Services -
- Library Dean is retiring. Resolution on his retirement

Alumni and Community relations -
- New chair in the fall

Credentials and Rules -
- New senator elections and reallocation of senator seats.

Diversity and Inclusive Excellence -

Economic and Budget Planning-
- Rozanne Spindle new chair - Scott Street University budget advisory committee report, presented a crisis picture. More budget cuts coming. Have a 70M problem, with 10M from CARES to go and help. Still speculative since enrollment, and state support are up in air.

Legislature - FSVA rescheduled.

VCUHS rep -
- COVID threw activities in air. Looking for ideas about bridging research and scholarship interests.