



VCU

Faculty Senate

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/937761135>

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Procedural Items:

Call to order

(2 minutes)

Nancy Jallo, President

Minutes from March 24, 2020 meeting

(3 minutes)

Everett Carpenter, Recording Secretary

Nomination Committee-Officer elections

(5 minutes)

Scott Street, Past President and Nominations Committee Chair

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

(10 minutes)

Gail Hackett, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Status of VCU Athletics-annual report

(10 minutes)

Darcy P. Mays, Faculty Athletic Representative

Ed McLaughlin, Athlete Director

Faculty Senate Items:

Faculty Senate President's Report

(5 minutes)

Nancy Jallo, President Faculty Senate

Committee Updates –Business Update

(65 minutes)

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

Faculty Representation – Other Committees

1. REAL Update (10 minutes)
Mary Boyes, Everett Carpenter, Patricia Cummins-Faculty Representation
Erin Webster Garrett- Assistant Vice Provost, REAL
2. Academic Continuity Committee (5 minutes)
Valerie Robnolt
3. Others? (5 minutes)

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
Coosp = 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.