



VCU

Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Meeting, Bullet Points — January 30, 2018, Larrick Center

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Provost's Office Report (Aashir Nasim)

- Nasim noted that VCU is in the midst of job searches for about a dozen administrative positions, and adding to its staff of academic advisors. He noted that VCU has had more success recruiting underrepresented and minority faculty members in recent years. Nasim explained that he is serving in an interim role as Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs someone is hired to fill the position. He noted that the Provost's Office is currently submitting recommendations for applicants under review for promotion and/or tenure.

Nominating Committee (Scott Street)

- Street announced that it is time to set up a Nominating Committee to solicit candidates for officer positions in Faculty Senate. Street nominated Holly Alford to chair this year's Nominating Committee, and Senator Pellegrini seconded. No other senators were nominated or volunteered. Faculty Senate elected Alford to the position.

Higher Education Advocacy Day (Carmen Rodriguez)

- Rodriguez discussed Higher Education Advocacy Day and thanked those helped set up the event, and those who attended. Rodriguez discussed the two position papers that were emphasized; one focused on the budget, and the second supported a bill that would have allowed higher education institutions to provide tuition waivers to dependents of faculty/staff. The latter proposal was killed in committee yesterday.

President's Report (Scott Street)

- Street discussed Faculty Senate's next meeting (February 6 on the Monroe Park campus). President Rao will speak. Street noted that Rao will discuss general education revisions as well as priorities including faculty salaries, and student aid. All faculty are encouraged to attend.
- Street announced that VCU's Calendar Committee is being restructured, and those in charge are seeking more faculty involvement and input. Street specifically asked for faculty volunteers from the Schools of the Arts, and Engineering.
- Street announced that Senator Cummins' husband was recently diagnosed with cancer, and that she has taken part-time leave this semester to help with his care. Senator Jallo distributed a few cards to sign and send to her, to show our support.

"Bylaws of the Faculty" & "Standing Rules of Faculty Senate" (Scott Street / Joan Pellegrini)

- Street explained the purpose of Bylaws of the Faculty, and noted how these rules are different from Standing Rules of the Senate. The definition of Faculty Senate, and its charge, are located within the Bylaws of the Faculty. Recently, it became apparent that portions of both documents are outdated, and could be improved with some adjustment and revision. Both documents are available on the Faculty Senate website. Street asked senators to consider the two documents and to offer recommendations for improvement.

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