



VCU

Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Leadership Meeting Agenda — January 15, 2019 **Alumni Board Room, University Student Commons, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

In Attendance: Jose Alcaine, Holly Alford, Kristen Artello, Ashley Brewer, Pat Cummins, Susan Bodnar-Deren, Pat Cummins, Nancy Jallo, Susan Kornstein, Joan Pellegrini, Maria Rivera, Carmen Rodriguez, Valerie Robnolt, Mary Secret, Scott Street, Jennifer Wayne

Social Time

- General conversation took place
- Holly Alford shared comments on her work with the Division of Inclusive Excellence

Various Officers

4:30 pm Call to order

- Scott Street arrived from a meeting with the Provost where he discussed proposed revisions to the Faculty Mediation and Grievance Procedure

Scott Street

Minutes from December 11th meeting

- Jose Alcaine mentioned the distribution of minutes from the December and requested edits

Faculty Grievance Procedure

- Street mentioned the need to replace Marilyn Miller, University Grievance Panel Chair, who has served for many years as Chair. Street asked for nominations or possible names for people who may serve
- There hasn't been a board convened in some time because mediation efforts have worked well
- Whoever serves as Grievance Panel Chair will receive a small stipend
- Gypsy Denzine has looked over the revisions to the policy and will attend the leadership meeting in March for discussion. Once the revisions are finalized the policy will go through the necessary approval channels.

Scott Street

Nominations Committee Report

- Holly Alford is willing to serve as the Nominations Committee Chair
- She will be seeking Senators to serve on the committee with her
- Street mentioned there is no comprehensive list of people who are serving on the numerous committees around the university

Scott Street

Faculty Senate President's Report

- a. General Education & Dr. Rao
 - Street met with Dr. Rao and now has a good feel of his vision especially his vision for general education and its importance
- b. State of the University Address (01/31/19)
 - Will be held at Cabell Lecture Hall and Street has reserved some space for Senators who notify him and plan to attend
- c. General Faculty Meeting (02/12/19 — New Date!)
 - There is change in the date to accommodate Dr. Rao's schedule. The meeting will be held on 12 February at Larrick
- d. Faculty Symposium (10/18/19 — Reading Day)
 - The next faculty symposium will be held in October during the fall reading day to avoid any conflict with faculty teaching classes.
 - Nancy Jallo is accepting ideas for the theme for the colloquium
- e. Shared Governance Concerns
 - The question was raised whether the process is working.
 - More vigilance is needed with the process of shared governance and what it means around the university
- f. 2017-2018 student affairs annual report
 - The report will be distributed
- g. Resolution: Phoebe Hall

Scott Street

-Her memorial at Altria was a very touching tribute to a great personality and community stalwart

h. McKenzie Carter: Application Process

-She is in the process of applying to be a Barry Goldwater representative

Committee Updates

Various Officers

- a. Academic and Professional Status — Kristine Artello & Masoud Manjili
 - The point was made that some schools may have no substantive plan for faculty annual reviews
 - Annual evaluations are used for merit raises and so this represents an infrastructure issue if units do not have a process
- b. Academic Programs and Research — Susan Bodnar-Deren
 - Work is ongoing in this committee
- c. Academic Support Services — Valerie Robnolt
 - On going question include the use of Noodle and what role Canvas will play in the future given the widespread use of Blackboard at VCU
- d. Alumni and Community Relations — José Alcaine
 - Alcaine announced the Elevate branded events and the ongoing Black and Gold campaign
- e. Credentials and Rules — Joan Pellegrini
 - The committee will meet again in the coming weeks
- f. Diversity and Inclusive Excellence — Stephanie Goldberg & Mary Secret
 - The committee needs to meet with Aashir Naseem and will schedule as soon as possible
- g. Economic Status, Budget, and Planning — Brian Daugherty
 - The old UBAC reinstated their meetings this month
- h. State Legislative & Statewide Relations — Pat Cummins & Carmen Rodriguez
 - The Higher Education Advocacy Day was a great success with robust attendance
- i. Student Affairs — Chris Saladino
 - Stated financial aid is a recurring issue with students
- j. VCU Health Systems Relations — (Scott Street)
 - The committee will become active later this semester
- k. Website and Social Media — Ashley Brewer
 - Updates are in but please review

January 29th Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda

Scott Street

- a. Ed McLaughlin & D'Arcy Mays - Athletics Update
- b. Noble Triplett and Dean Daire - Undergraduate Education Update
- c. Matt Conrad — Government Relations
- d. Committee Meetings

Adjourn

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 — 4:00 PM in Lecture Hall Room 303 of the J. Branch Cabell Library
<https://maps.vcu.edu/monroepark/cabelllibrary/>

Next Leadership Meeting:

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 — 4:00 PM in the Church Hill Board Room, Larrick Student Center
<https://maps.vcu.edu/mcv/larrickcenter/>