



FACULTY SENATE Est. 1991

Michael Noll
President

James Archibald
President-Elect/Vice President

linda pyscher jurczak
Secretary

Sean Lennon
Parliamentarian

Faculty Senate Minutes April 26, 2015, 3:30 pm Magnolia Room

1. Call to Order by Noll at 3:38.
2. Approval of the minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting of the Faculty Senate. Fares moved to approve; Kuhlmeir seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Proxies: Bell for Acosta; L. Adams for Carter; Winska for Gheesling; Allard for Grove; jurczak for Holt; Graves for Lamb; Lennon for Lambeth; BaracsKay for Pufong; and Williams for Velez-Maralinda.
3. Noll share Staton's biography and announced he will be coming at the end of April. Allen will be scheduling meetings.
4. Old & Unfinished Business
 - a. Statutory Committee Reports

Academic Committee – Attachment A-Sheri Gravett- Hopefully by July 1 there will be an online catalog. A PDF version will be available for orientation. Explanation of the attachment.

Committee on Committees-Kalina Winska- meeting in May to go back and look at the numbers, check the proportion of faculty on Senate from each college.

Faculty Affairs – Bill Buchanan-two subcommittees are working on issues.

Faculty Grievance Committee- Said Fares-No report

Institutional Planning Committee- Donald Thieme-No report.
 - b. Standing Committee Reports

Academic Scheduling & Procedures-Tommy Crane-The Dean proposed the fall exam schedule, and the committee will have it in May.

Academic Honors & Scholarships- Maren Clegg-Hyer-committee completed the charge of selecting the recipient for the Annie Hopper Award.

Athletics- Stacey Walters-two subcommittees met. There is a small change to the By-laws that will be presented at the next meeting. There was some discussion about the lack of scholarships for scholar athletes in the summer. It was brought to everyone's attention that it is not just athletes who are not getting scholarship money in the summer, it is all students.

Educational Policies- Jacob M. Jewusiak-met three times over the semester. In regard to the SOIs, data must be analyzed and categorized and there is no report yet. The response has been lukewarm. It will take more time. The idea to create an SOI committee was floated and questioned whether an ad hoc committee is necessary. A suggestion was made to work with COCO. This started out looking at how to increase numbers and improve teaching evaluations. There are two ideas, 1) change to the middle of the semester and 2) department specific/faculty specific SOIs on Qualtrics. There was discussion about large structural changes taking time, the possibility of building on an evaluation that has already been started, the need to do them at the end, and setting this into motion in the next meeting.

Environmental Issues- Theresa J. Grove- Jason Allard (Grove is in Antarctica) no report

Faculty Scholarship & Research- Grazyna H. Walczak- the committee met on April 1 and reviewed 7 applications. Three were funded immediately, one was rejected, and three are on standby awaiting additional information.

Internationalization and Globalization Committee - David Kuhlmeier-the last meeting of the semester will be April 15. Some progress had been made on getting a link on the VSU homepage.

Library Affairs- Rudo Tsemunhu- met today and there has not been much progress; improvements require more money to help make changes. Questions were raised about reports on specific requests and traffic and about whether or not the conditions of the library meet the needs of faculty and students. It was noted that the library does keep statistics and gate counts. There is no standardization between vendors. Print journals are not used a lot, and there is a need for more e-journals and books. The Library is promoting more usage of the building, and the committee is putting together recommendations,

Minority & Diversity Issues- linda pysher jurczak-no report

Student Activities & Services- James Archibald-review a special report from Dr. George McCellan. Students found issues with housing, which will be discussed and recommendations will be submitted to Traycee Martin. The executive committee met with Greek Life.

Technology-Victoria Russell- introduced Mike Holt to explain the subcommittee's work on the policy- A new procedure in place that IT has created for the out-processing and deactivation of e-mail accounts. The policies have basically been updated to remove specific technologies and have added in that email accounts will be deactivated in accordance with this new procedure. IT acceptable use policy-have changed those to address the red light rating from the FIRE organization and allow items to be taken down in accordance with USG policy 5.1.3 regarding prohibited uses. The plan is to have it approved by the committee and bring it before the Senate in the May meeting.

c. Special and Ad Hoc Committees reports.

d. Progress on VSU Statutes-a more streamlined version that is not sensitive to organizational changes will be ready in fall.

5. New Business

a. Revision of Faculty Senate Bylaws. (See attachment C)

b. Elections will be held May 20 for president-elect, parliamentarian, and secretary. Interested parties should send a blurb about why we should vote for them.

c. Committee reports should be sent to Michael Noll by the end of April.

d. Resolution regarding fraternities and sororities-we met yesterday with Greek Life and this is on hold.

6. Discussion-the search for a chief of police is ongoing. There are a number of candidates to be interviewed by phone in the next two weeks. Meanwhile, we have interim. VP Finance and Administration has been tabled indefinitely as it doesn't make sense to bring someone in before hiring a new President. The search for a new President will include true participation across all constituencies.

7. Adjournment at 5:37 by Noll.

Attendance

***Indicates a proxy**

Faculty Senate

Alicja Rieger
Arsalan Wares*
Brett Williams
Craig Hawkins
Daniel Baracskay
Darrell G. Fike
David Kuhlmeier
Diane Holliman*
Donald Thieme
Fleming Bell*
Fred Ware
Gary Futrell
Grazyna H. Walczak
Jacob M. Jewusiak
James Archibald
Jason Allard
Jessica Graves
Jose Velez-Marulanda*
Karen Acosta
Karin Murray
Katharine Adams
Katherine Lamb*
Kelly Davidson Devall
linda jurczak
Lynn Adams
Marc G. Pufong*
Maren Clegg-Hyer
Mathew Carter*
Matthew Grant
Maura Schlairet
Michael Noll
Michael Sanger
Michelle Ocasio
Mike Holt*
Rudo Tsemunhu
S. Andrew "Andy" Ostapski
Said Fares
Sarah Arnett

Sean Lennon
Shannon Lowe
Stacey Walters
Sudip Chakraborty
Theresa J. Grove*
Todd Royle
Tommy Crane
Victoria Russell

Visitors

Angela Uyeno – Internal Affairs