



FACULTY SENATE
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James G. Archibald
Interim President

Michael G. Noll
Parliamentarian

Faculty Senate Minutes
August 28, 2014
University Center Magnolia Room

1. Call to order by James Archibald, followed by a ten-minute session with President McKinney.

Dr. McKinney addressed the question of Mark George's email being shut down. A Board of Regents policy on email use and political activity exists, but that is not why the email was shut down. According to the President, it was a coincidence that it was shut down about the same time that George was politically active due to a scheduled, routine 45-day purge of all email accounts of those not planning on returning to teach the following semester. A question was raised, but unanswered, about the email policy instituted in 2011 by former President Schloss. When asked about the money for the Mary Turner Project, McKinney stated that the funds were not now or ever frozen.

When asked about the Department Heads Council, the hiring situation at VSU as well as salaries, he stated that they are working with others to put a plan in place to put more money in the existing University budget and to set priorities. Michael Noll raised the issues of a lack of communication and transparency, adding that better ways of sharing and communicating information are needed. McKinney responded by suggesting additional representation on the President's Cabinet and amending statutes to include Faculty Senate, Department Heads Council, SGA, and COSA.

2. Approval of the minutes of the May 15, 2014 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

<http://ww2.valdosta.edu/facsen/meeting/minutes/index.shtml> (see link for minutes from May 15).

a. Motion made and seconded; Archibald called to vote; minutes approved unanimously.

3. Old and Unfinished Business

Bylaws from Statutory and Standing Committees for the Faculty Senate website to be sent to James Archibald (jgarchibald@valdosta.edu) by October 1, 2014.

a. Statutory Committee Reports

Academic Committee has not yet met.

Committee on Committees-Diane Holliman

Faculty Affairs-Karen Morris-no meeting.

Faculty Grievance Committee-John Dunn-not much action, which is a good thing. Leave coming up January to May 2015; need to be replaced by December; will be worked out with Diane.

Institutional Planning Committee-Diane Wright-no report.

b. Standing Committee Reports

Academic Scheduling & Procedures-Tommy Crane-no report

Academic Honors & Scholarships-Maren Clegg-Hyer-no report.

Athletics-Stacey Walters-no report.

Educational Policies-Jacob Jewusiak- no report.

Environmental Issues-Theresa Grove- no report.

Faculty Scholarship and Research-Grazyna Walczak- no report.

Library Affairs-Rudo Tsemunhu- no report.

Internationalization and Globalization-David Kuhlmeier-no meeting yet.

Minority and Diversity Issues-Linda Jurczak- no report.

Student Activities and Services-James Archibald-The Student Financial Aid Appeals Committee met twice over the summer

Technology-Victoria Russell-no list of committee members

c. Special and Ad Hoc Committee reports

Institutional Planning

Strategic Planning and Bylaws-Executive Committee

d. Report from Ad Hoc Committee to update and improve VSU Faculty Handbook-met with Gardner; need to train in Cascade; Peggy Moch joined the committee.

4. New Business

- a. Centralized Advising-issues with centralized advising, is there a point person in each department? Per Sheri Gravett, each department has a liaison-Alisha to provide list of liaisons and attend next meeting-, students will be advised by central advising until they reach 30 hours or choose a major, then to College of Ed, then to departments. Deb Brill asked how to not overlook quirky things. Bill Fleming wanted to know who the advisor is once the major is declared. Some concern about causing more time with students due to central advising.

- b. Evaluation of Interim Administrative Positions and Faculty Access to Administrative Evaluations
No option to evaluate interims; John Dunn moved to support. A vote on retroactive evaluations failed to pass; a question about access to administrative evaluations came up, as did the question of why they should be public. A concern about the lack of transparency was voiced, as was a concern about retaliation. Questions about public access were tabled until further clarification could be sought and shared. A motion to include interim administrators in the evaluation process from now on was called and it did pass by majority vote.

- c. Elections of new officers to the Executive Committee due to two resignations over the summer (Both Laura Wright, President, and Lynn Adams, Secretary, resigned): Before elections began, M. Noll resigned from his position as Parliamentarian. President nominations: M. Noll and P. Moch, both accepted the nominations. Ballots were distributed and counted by L. Adams and L. Jurczak. M. Noll was elected President by majority vote. Secretary nominations: L. Jurczak was nominated and accepted the nomination. No other nominations were presented. Motion made to close nominations, seconded. L. Jurczak elected Secretary by acclamation. Acclamation passed unanimously. Parliamentarian nominations: Peggy Moch nominated. P. Moch accepted the nomination. Motion made to close nominations, seconded. P. Moch elected by acclamation. Acclamation passed unanimously.

6. Discussion

- a. Graduation Committee-brief update on continuing discussion of the commencement ceremony by Sage Archer.

- b. Faculty Affairs to 1) look at sick leave policy and the possibility of portable retirement also receiving money at retirement, and 2) find out how it is applied. Perhaps form a task force?

7. Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn, recognized. Adjourned.