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President

James Archibald
President Elect/Vice President

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Secretary

Sean Lennon
Parliamentarian

Faculty Senate Minutes January 22, 2015; 3:30 pm Magnolia Room

1. Call to Order by Michael Noll at 3:33pm.
2. Minutes of the November 22, 2014 meeting of the Faculty Senate approved unanimously with two changes:
 1. Proxies: Craig Hawkins served as proxy for Shannon Lowe, not Tommy Crane
 2. Agenda item E: the faculty senate requests that the administration take a clear position on matters like email policies and academic freedom
3. Sean Lennon nominated for Parliamentarian and elected by acclamation.
4. Old & Unfinished Business
 - a. Statutory Committee Reports

Academic Committee – No report.

Committee on Committees -Diane Holliman - No report.

Faculty Affairs – Bill Buchanan-two subcommittees were formed (sick-leave / academic freedom).
First results may be shared in March.

Faculty Grievance Committee - Said Fares- No report.

Institutional Planning Committee - Diane Wright- No report.
 - b. Standing Committee Reports

Academic Scheduling & Procedures - Tommy Crane- No report.

Academic Honors & Scholarships - Maren Clegg-Hyer - first award, system award will be announced.

Athletics - Stacey Walters - Two committees formed. By-laws and Academic awards.

Educational Policies - Jacob M. Jewusiak - No report.

Environmental Issues - Theresa J. Grove - No report.

Faculty Scholarship & Research - Grazyna H. Walczak - No report.

Internationalization and Globalization Committee - David Kuhlmeier-progress toward a subcommittee.

Library Affairs - Rudo Tsemunhu - No report.

Minority & Diversity Issues- linda pyscher jurczak- No report.

Student Activities & Services- James Archibald- meeting to be held January 28 to review current issues

Technology - Victoria Russell - designated subcommittees. Mike Holt heading email subcommittee.
Grove - policies? There are new, overarching questions. Several former faculty members' emails still work. Russell - Brian Haugabrook did talk about policies, and her understanding is that faculty are going to help write them. Adams - the original policies are online. Gheesling - why is IT formulating faculty policy? Holt - the current policy says nothing about a 45-day period. Grove - mediate Haugabrook and George should be on the To-Do list. If there are clear steps, there is nothing to review.

c. Special and Ad Hoc Committees reports

Faculty Handbook - linda pyscher jurczak - Sherri Gravett states the Handbook is located on the website.

d. Updates shared on travel policies, travel paperwork, and recurring issues with eReports, and the possibility of an updated and simplified VSU website in the making.

e. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met and there are still a number of issues on a merged version (2009 and 2012) to replace the 2007 version currently on VSU's website.

f. Resolution on Sustaining Academic Integrity and Quality at VSU. Four points in the resolution are appropriate and sufficient. Number three should read "supports the practice ..."; number four should read "demands that colleges, departments ...". 5 abstentions, motion carried.

5. New Business

a. Improving Faculty Senate Website. linda is going to work on it.

b. Usefulness of SOIs. Issues of moving times and complications due to course scheduling. Suggestion was made to remand to Educational Policies Committee. Adams moved; Fares seconded. 1 abstention. Motion carried.

c. SGA presented "academic forgiveness policy" (SGA Bill / info from other USG institutions)
Discussion about number of times a course can be taken, effect on transients, matching with other institutions, effect on Zell Miller and HOPE, cherry picking, registration, accreditation, and certification. Proposed academic forgiveness policy will be revised based on feedback SGA is receiving.

- d. Nicki Turley, Associate Dean of Students, reported on VSU's progress in regard to safety and security. Better resources for safety are needed, and we need to define the responsibility of the safety and security committee. Gravett answered the question of the ATM being moved; it will be done in March.

6. Discussion

- a. Hyer-Clegg - When do we share faculty concerns?
- b. Grove - Master planning meeting next week.
- c. Buchanan - Hiring Practices? Practices changing? Need clarification of decision making process and for feedback. Holt - email Dr. Rogers. Archibald – share results of email communication.
- d. L. Adams-safety on North Campus-crosswalk is a danger-send issue, specifics to Michael.
- e. Grove - offers copies of emails/timeline of events in regard to Dr. Mark George

7. Adjournment 5:08

Members and Visitors Present

*indicates proxy

Executive Board

Noll, M. President

Archibald, J. Vice President/President-Elect

Moch, P. Parliamentarian

College of the Arts

Arnett, S.

Crane, T.

Gheelsing, D.

Hawkins, C.

jurczak, I.

Murray, K.*

Winska, K.

College of Arts and Sciences

Acosta, K.

Aiello, T.

Allard, J.

Bell, F.*

Chakraborty, S.

Clegg-Hyer, M.

Davidson, K.

Fares, S.

Fike, D.

Grove, T.

Jewusiak, J.*

Lazari, A.

Mboup, B.*

Meacham, M.

Noll, M.

Ocasio, M.

Pufong, M.

Russell, V.

Sanger, M.

Thieme, D.

Velez-Marulanda, J.*

Walczak, G.

College of Business Administration

Buchanan, B.

Futrell, G.

Kuhlmeier, D.

Royle, T.

College of Education and Human Services

Archibald, J.
Carter, M.
Grant, M.
Graves, J.*
Holliman, D.*
Lamb, K.
Lambeth, D.
Lennon, S.
Rieger, A.
Sanger, M.
Wright, D.*

College of Nursing and Health Services

Atkinson, D.*
Cohen, B.
Schlaret, M.
Walters, S.

Odum Library

Holt, M.
Williams, B.

VSU Retirees Association

Ware, F.

Visitors

Tyler Barker – Student Government Association
Othellious Cato – Student Government Association
Joel Pollack – Student Government Association
Quinesha Claborry – Student Government Association
Sherri Gravett – Academic Affairs