



College Faculty Senate Minutes

Date & Time: Thursday May 7, 2020 @ 2 PM

Location: Online via Zoom meeting

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Meeting ID: 924 3529 8131

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Sarah DiCalogero (Senate Chair) and Elizabeth Briggs (Secretary) are both present.

Attendance:

Chesapeake Senators: David Ring, Elizabeth Briggs, Ruth Shumate, Jennifer Hopkins

Norfolk Senators: Julia Arnold, Judy Gill, Libby Watts

Portsmouth Senators: Katrina Dash, Tom Siegmund, Tiffanye Sledge, Siobhan Harris

Virginia Beach Senators: Angela Bell, John Krenzke, Sam Duncan, Maureen Cahill, Dania Sinibaldi, Tom Williams, Lorenz Drake

Ex Officio: Stacey Deputy

Guests: Matthew Gorris, Leah Hagedorn, Leona McGowan, Amy Shay, Michele Marits, Andrea Tomlin, Kyndra Brown, Kelly Gillerlain, Adriel Robinson, Amy Utter, Via (Zoom name), Theresa Health (Zoom name), Darryl Parkinson, BobbyB (Zoom name), Larry Nobles, Geraldine Wright

Agenda

- I.** Call to Order
 - II.** Review and Approval of April 7, 2020 Minutes - Minutes approved.
 - III.** Campus Motions - None
 - IV.** Chair Report – Sarah DiCalogero
- Collegewide Faculty Senate Chair Report**

College Professional Development Funds

- A.** We currently have more than \$80,000 largely due to the cancelation of conferences and events related to the pandemic. The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) has reached out to Phyllis Milloy to inquire if those funds may be re-deployed for technology needs. The Senate would need to set parameters on what can be asked for. For example, web/doc cams, computers, tablets, software, etc, technology training by an outside party, etc. We would work the Finance office to determine what we can do.

Summer overloads for faculty and grading procedures for Spring 2020. Reference Appendix I for email sent on 5-5-2020, and Appendix H for grading procedures. Email was sent to faculty by SEC on 5/5.

Multi-year appointments letters are in process. If a full-time faculty member did not receive their expected appointment then they have been contacted. All other faculty members are receiving their expected appointments.

Meeting Schedule for 2020-2021

1. September 3, 2020 - 2 pm Portsmouth Campus
2. October 1, 2020 - 2 pm Virginia Beach Campus
3. November 5, 2020 - 2 pm Chesapeake Campus
4. December 3, 2020 - 2 pm Norfolk Campus
5. February 4, 2021 - 2 pm Portsmouth Campus
6. March 4, 2020 - 2 pm Virginia Beach Campus
7. April 1, 2020 - 2 pm Chesapeake Campus
8. May 6, 2021 - 2 pm Norfolk Campus

V. Secretary Report – Elizabeth Briggs **No updates**

VI. Treasurer Report – Tom Siegmund **No updates**

VII. Campus Reports – Campus Chairs

Chesapeake Campus

Meeting Date: April 28, 2020 via Zoom

Motions: No Motions

Updates: No updates, discussion regarding how decisions to reopen will be made, impact on programs and events. Discussion regarding grading policy and Cares Act funding. Recommendation for renewed subscription to Lynda Learning to benefit students and faculty.

Norfolk Campus

Meeting Date:

Motions: None

Updates:

Virginia Beach Chair Report

Meeting Date: April 30, 2020

Motions:

Move to rescind the previous motion to postpone senate elections and election of officers until Fall 2020. Motion passed.

Updates/Discussions:

- Reminder to attend Dr. Conston's Townhall – next one is May 5th via TCC's YouTube channel
- CoronaVirus Epidemic/Pandemic issues
 - If we resume face to face in the Fall, we should cap numbers in a classroom to maintain social distancing. Masks? Temperature taken at the door?
 - Plan for a quick shift to fully remote learning in the event there is a 2nd wave.

- We should offer quickie 3-4 week classes for the community – teaser for the regular college credit courses, maybe they'll return to TCC when they need a degree
- How are we planning to use the Cares Act \$7 million stimulus money? NOVA is offering tuition free summer online classes to high school students.
- New information regarding Grade Policy; send Q&A email sent by David Ekker to all Beach faculty
- Overtime hours in the summer
- Senate elections: new officers are Chair: Dania Sinibaldi, ViceChair: John Krenzke, Secretary: John Gallo.

Portsmouth Chair Report

Meeting Date:

Motions: No Motions

Updates: Chair Report

1. Was asked by senate and did - Talked to John Morea and Curtis Aasen about forward thinking the plan for more remote learning. They are aggressively working towards this measure facing a 50% enrollment decline in the fall.
2. Equipping teachers and classrooms with Tech.
3. Both expressed interest in receiving wish list from faculty.
4. Request for mini Canvas and Remote learning course - credentialed.
5. August convocation should be geared totally to Covid teaching and learning goals and challenges for the semester.
6. Consolidate multiple convocations to be more efficient and have more time for larger semester related issues.
7. Asked to talk to - and did - Pathway Dean about remote sections for Chemistry and Science with labs. They are on it - looking at what 4-year schools are doing to follow their lead and be compatible especially with regards to transfer - separating lecture and lab.
8. Elections - still on going
9. I am leaving the Portsmouth Senate as Chair and Senator
10. Will need to leave the College Senate as Treasurer and Parliamentary Committee Chair / Parliamentarian.
11. We are meeting over the summer
12. Still need a more efficient way to get on campus to gather materials - although come August - this point may be moot.

VIII. Committee and Representative Reports

- A. Adjunct Committee – Joe Sych - No Report
- B. Faculty Development and Evaluation Plan – Tom Siegmund - No Report
- C. Professional Development – Lydia Leporte - No Report
- D. CFAC – Stacey Deputy

CFAC met with the Chancellor and his staff via Zoom on 5/4/20 and discussed the topics below:

-Post Pandemic Taskforce

The Chancellor formed this taskforce and gave them two charges. 1: To plan for Fall 2020 and 2: To consider future sustainability for the VCCS post pandemic. The taskforce has 16 members from across the VCCS. There are two faculty representatives: Cynthia Deutsch from Central Virginia and Ian Taylor from Thomas Nelson. (Dr. Corey McCray is

TCC's representative.) To date the taskforce has only considered their first charge and has drafted recommendations for offering classes this fall. These are in draft form now but should be finalized within the next couple of weeks. Some topics being considered include: onboard for students with enrollment/financial aid, course delivery and creating Canvas shells for all courses, face to face classes and social distancing compliance, the possibility of offering hands on classes during the first five weeks of Fall before a second possible wave of Covid 19 might descend with colder weather, chunking/breaking courses into smaller groups to allow for proper social distancing, and faculty workload.

-Budget and Finances

The impact of revenue collection on the state budget should be better understood by late summer. So far our funding is being held at its current level. The previously approved bonuses for faculty have not been allotted funding and likely will not be. Budget cuts are anticipated in the late August/early September timeframe.

The Chancellor is going to recommend to the state board that there not be a tuition increase, at least for the Fall 2020 semester. There may be an impact on/change in student fees, such as student activities and parking, if instruction remains remote. The Chancellor is also encouraging fiscal restraint in spending and all the constraints have been lifted for carrying budget funds over to the next fiscal year. This means we do not have to spend all of the money allotted to the college this year. In years past any money not spent would be returned to the state. Now we can keep any unspent funds to use in the next fiscal year.

The Cares Act makes two pots of money available for higher education. One pot is given to community colleges to pass along directly to students. (During the President's Town Hall, V.P. Milloy said TCC had received just under \$6 million from this pot and we are poised to have a cohort of Pell grant eligible students for disbursement of funds.) The second pot of money goes directly to the institution. (During the President's Town Hall, V.P. Milloy indicated that further federal guidance for how this money can be used will be coming out shortly.)

-Enrollment

It is possible that community colleges will get a boost in enrollment from students who would have otherwise attended four year schools, but do not feel safe doing so.

The system office is working with a vendor to create a portal called CollegeAnywhereVA.org. It is already live as a soft launch but is still being finalized. It is a compilation of all the online courses offered throughout the VCCS. It is also a marketing campaign to indicate that Virginia's community colleges are safe, affordable, convenient, and flexible. Students can apply through this portal and would be directed to a representative at the college, usually a counselor or admission representative, where the course they are interested in is being offered.

The Chancellor has drafted a letter to the parents of the class of 2020 asking them to consider community college. The state Department of Education is sending the letter to the Superintendents of K-12 schools to ask for their help in distributing it. (During the President's Town Hall, V.P. Anderfuren indicated that the state board has purchased the mailing list of ACT & SAT students and that the Chancellor's letter will be sent to them.)

-Upcoming CFAC meetings

The faculty representatives to CFAC will have monthly Zoom meetings throughout the summer months.

The next officially scheduled CFAC meeting with the Chancellor will be November 12-13, 2020.

- E. FSVA – Sarah DiCalogero - No updates
- F. PAPC – Sarah DiCalogero - No updates
- G. Rewards and Recognition & Awards- Maureen Cahill

H. Communication Plan Committee

IX. Initiative Updates

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

A. 15 minute discussion of use of remaining College Professional Development Funds

B. 15 minute discussion of ideas/thoughts/concerns surrounding re-opening

C. Senate Elections

Sarah DiCalogero - Chair

Elizabeth Briggs - Secretary

David Ring - Treasurer

Maureen Cahill - PAPC Representative

XII. Items for the Board

A. Other items – Motions from the floor, etc. - Motion to form subcommittee on Technology needs of faculty passed unanimously.

Judy Gill - Chair

Leah Hagedorn - Norfolk

Dania Sinibaldi - VA Beach

Geraldine Wright - Portsmouth

Jennifer Hopkins - Chesapeake

Tom Siegmund - VAC

