

Attending: Monica McFerrin (VB) (**College Senate Chair**), Rianna Amolsch (C) (**Senate Chair**), Bobby Rowe, Sr. (C), Jeannie Taylor (C), Judy Gill (N) (**Senate Chair**), Jim Holden (N), Lorenz Drake (P), Nancy Prather-Johnson (P), Jim Roberts (VB) (**Senate Chair**), Mike Adams (VB) (**College Senate Secretary**), Frank Futyma (VB), Mark Greer (VB), Ellyn Hodgis (VB), Gary Noah (VB), Allison Harwell (**Counseling**), Elizabeth Vihnanek (VB) **Library**,

Non-attending: Phyllis Gowdy (N), Thomas Siegmund (P) (**Senate Chair**), Dianne Davis-Wagner (P), Harlan Krepcik (P), Anne Mach (VB), Bill McNamara (VB), Ruth Shumate (**Library**)

Guests Present: Dr. David Kirakofe (C), Dick Gill (N), Kevin Brady (C). Michael Tarpey, (C)

- I. **Call to Order at 2:02 PM**
- II. **Introduction of Guests:**
 - A. **Introduction of Senators**
- III. **Approval of Minutes of April 2, 2015 at 2:05 PM**
 - A. **Motion: To approve the minutes. - Motion passed as amended.**
- IV. **Reports of Senate Officers**
 - A. **Faculty Senate Chair Report, Monica McFerrin**
 1. Fall semester 2015 enrollment is down 9.6% college wide compared to Fall semester 2014
 2. Convocation feedback
 - a. The You Tube video had poor audio quality, to where the presentation by Dr. Baehre-Kolovani was unintelligible.
 - b. The food was not as good as the previous year
 - c. The picnic following the convocation was inconvenient for some. Faculty and staff had to return home to get their families and return to the Chesapeake campus on a Friday afternoon.
 - d. The music played indoors was too loud for relaxing conversation
 3. It is requested that senators contact their constituents and query them on the following:
 - a. Their impression of the College Convocation
 - b. Their impression of their Campus Convocation
 - c. Their impression of the Faculty Professional Development Day
 - 1) Classrooms NOT open and ready
 - 2) Classrooms without the necessary computers (in the ATC)
 - d. Their comments on the 2015 College Picnic
 4. We need a faculty representative on the College Safety Committee. The representative does not need to be a member of Faculty Senate. Please submit volunteers to Monica no later than September 17.
 5. All Senate chairs received a recent email asking for members from each campus to sit on the Level 3 Grievance Committee. They must be full-time faculty, sitting for a one-year term. Please submit volunteers to Monica as soon as possible.
 6. ALL Senate chairs should be invited to their respective Provost Leadership meetings, the goal is to increase communication and awareness between all levels of College leadership. If this is not happening, let Monica know.
 7. AACC Pathways. Monica presented this recently received program which is being developed nationally with the American Association of Community Colleges. TCC received an invitation to apply.

- a. The application deadline is 21 September 2105
- b. For the senate to support this, the following concerns were brought forth:
 - 1) What are the deliverables?
 - 2) What will the College Senate support/involvement be in this?
 - 3) Are there defined requirements that have not been shared with the Senate?
 - 4) The Senate is apprehensive of the timelines
- c. Gary Noah presented the following motion:

MOTION:

The TCC College Faculty Senate is interested in the goal of the AACC Pathways Project and requests more detail regarding deliverables and implementation. The TCC College Faculty Senate cannot support the Project with the lack of information as it is currently presented at this time.

The vote was 7 Aye; 1 Nay; and 5 Abstain – The Motion PASSED

8. Ms. Susan James, the Director of the new Diversity Taskforce, is asking for the TCC College Faculty Senate for feedback and support in drafting the College Diversity Statement. The Senate is extending an invitation to her to join us at the October meeting in Norfolk.
9. ALL TCC Campus Senates are asked to review and post their By-Laws online

A. Secretary, Mike Adams

1. No Report

B. Treasurer, Judy Gill

1. Current balance of \$5,000.00.

V. Faculty Senate Vice Chair Reports:

A. Chesapeake Campus, Riana Amolsch

1. There was much discussion in regards to the early closing of Fall 2015 online courses
2. There was concern with the Chesapeake parking lot shuttle bus procedures.

B. Norfolk Campus, Judy Gill

1. The Norfolk Senate will be presenting motions later in the meeting.

C. Portsmouth, Campus, Nancy Prather-Johnson (for Tom Siegmund)

1. The Portsmouth Senate also discussed the change to the Fall 2015 course scheduling
2. There was concern regarding the credentialing performed at the College Professional Development meeting. Many, if not all credentialing write-ups were reviewed and changes submitted last fall (2014-2015 academic year), and they had not been incorporated into the credentialing descriptions presented this year
3. They want more faculty involvement in the hiring of new faculty. There are many instances where decisions are being made in regards to candidates' qualifications by committee members who have no knowledge of what qualifications are acceptable.
4. There are many more faculty interested the OER textbook.

D. Virginia Beach Campus, Jim Roberts

1. The Beach Senate is requesting the Office of Institutional Effectiveness for data for follow-on to the success or failure of the development courses (Math and English). There is no data available to determine the students' growth (or lack of) after leaving the first module.
2. In previous terms, the Workforce Development Office has provided Certification Exam Vouchers. This was done, as the courses teaching the material that prepares the student for the subject exams cannot handle the monetary side of the transaction. Because of the exchange on money for these exams, Workforce Development was involved. As these are quite expensive to the students, the students are no longer registering for these courses at TCC, but going to other institutions that do provide this.

3. The Virginia Beach Campus is holding their Fall 2015 Dialogue with Dr. DeMarte on Thursday, October 15th at 12:30 PM.

VI. Reports of Faculty Senate Committees

A. Adjunct Committee-Mike Adams

1. He is going to query the committee from last years membership, and open up membership to fill needed spots

B. Awards Committee-Mike Adams

1. He is going to send out the Awards Package to all Senators, College and Campus, as well as all Deans & Directors. The first deadline for this is January 15th, 2016

VII. Reports from Other Committees, Groups, or Individuals

A. FSVA-Frank Futyma

1. The next FSVA meeting is to be held, Saturday, November 7 at the Virginia Beach campus from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This meeting is open for all who wish to attend.
2. Menu is under development and the FS is prepared to assist in this

B. PAPC-Kelly Gillerlain

1. No report

C. CFAC-Ellyn Hodgis

1. There was a VCCS Chancellors Retreat October 11th and 12th.
2. The next CFAC meeting is in Roanoke on November 5th.

D. VCCS Professional Development Committee-Tom Geary

1. No report, (see Article IV.A.3.c)

E. Ad-Hoc FDEP Revision-Judy Gill

1. The "Green Light" was received to the committee change to the FDEP

F. Reward and Recognition-Ellyn Hodgis

1. Monica is to meet with the committee chair Marc Wingett

VIII. Unfinished Business:

A. Textbook Policy

1. With the completion of the FDEP Ad-Hoc committee, the textbook will reconvene and elect a new chair

B. Calendar – Professional Development Day

1. With the current schedule for the Fall 2015 semester, the Tuesday scheduled for Professional Development is the "worst" day for the science curriculum courses, in particular to the lab sections. This also has a very negative impact on Health Professions classes.

IX. New Business

A. Dialogue with Dr. DeMarte

1. All campuses are asked to present recommended meeting dates to Dr. DeMarte's office for scheduling.
2. The dates for the Spring Dialogue are to be presented to the Faculty Senate Chair and all four campuses will be submitted as a group. Fall Dialogue dates should be arranged directly with Dr. DeMarte's office in the interest of time.

B. 2015-2016 Academic Year Faculty Handbook

1. This issue is available online
2. Forward any changes or feedback to Monica for consolidation and presentation.

C. FDEP correction

1. This is remanded to the FDEP Standing Committee

D. Bylaws Amendment: FDEP Standing Committee Amendment V B 4:

The Norfolk Faculty Senate moves that the College Faculty Senate amend its by-laws to include the Faculty Senate FDEP/APPDP Committee as defined in the FDEP: Committee of faculty members to review and monitor the content and implementation of the Faculty Development and Evaluation Plan and the APPDP in collaboration with the Deans.

As per the College Faculty Senate Bylaws, the vote on this amendment will be held in October.

E. Bylaws Amendment: Meeting Location Rotation

Amendment to revise III B:

The Norfolk Faculty Senate moves that in order to provide an equitable rotation of meetings, the campus that hosts the last meeting of the Spring also host the first meeting in the Fall and that the meetings will be hosted alphabetically in between. In order to phase in the new rotation for the 2015/16 academic year the Virginia Beach campus will host the last meeting in Fall 2015 and first meeting in Spring 2016.

As per the College Faculty Senate Bylaws, the vote on this amendment will be held in October.

F. Online Course Caps

Motion:

Norfolk Senate moves that the College Senate request that by Nov 1, 2015 the administration provide a comprehensive analysis explaining the rationale behind the mandated online caps created without faculty input.

The vote was 10 Aye; 1 Nay; and 1 Abstain – The Motion PASSED

G. Academic Standards Policy 2105

1. The Faculty Senate would like to know the creation history of this
2. The chair has been told that this went through the Instruction committee; the Curriculum committee; the Provosts; and the Deans.
3. None of the Senators present that serve on either of these committees recall having any dealing with this issue in 2014-2015.
4. Many said that this was rejected by these committees in previous years.
5. Many felt that this goes against “academic freedom” and certainly has no faculty input.
6. The College Faculty Senate is going to gather more information and ask Dr. DeMarte to join them in the November meeting.
7. The result of this discussion was the foundation for the following motion:

Motion:

The TCC College Faculty Senate makes a statement concerning the policies and changes to policy without collaboration with the faculty.

The vote was 10 Aye; 0 Nay; and 0 Abstain – The Motion PASSED

Judy Gill, Jim Holden, and Rianna Amolsch volunteered to draft the statement.

H. Course Scheduling

1. After discussion concerning this issue for background, the motion was presented and voted upon

Motion:

Norfolk Senate moves that the College Senate form an Ad-hoc committee to examine scheduling issues and make recommendations to prioritize full time faculty to teach desired overloads while providing support and fairness to contingent faculty.

The vote was 10 Aye; 0 Nay; and 0 Abstain – The Motion PASSED

2. As follow-on, a committee was formed with Monica McFerrin, Rianna Amolsch, Jeannie Taylor, Richard Gill, Nancy Prather-Johnson, and Alison Harwell.
3. The Senate voiced concern over the schedule to collapse 12-week and second 8-week courses, as they historically gain students much later.

I. Administrative and Professional Faculty Evaluation

1. Counselors expressed concern that there was no counselor representation on the VCCS committee to draft their evaluation
2. The Senate expressed a desire to retain the ability for faculty to complete a meaningful evaluation of their deans as a part of the Administrator Evaluation.

X. *Next College Senate Meeting* – October 1, 2015. Meet and greet at 1:30pm, **meeting at 2:00 PM – Norfolk Campus.**

XI. *Close* meeting closed at 5:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Michael B. Adams
Secretary, College Faculty Senate