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MEMORANDUM

To: Daniel DeMarte, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
From: Kimberly Bovee, Chair, College Faculty Senate
Date: September 8, 2009
Subject: Motion from the Senate on the Virginia Beach Academic Restructuring

On Tuesday, September 25, 2009, Michael Summers, Provost of the Virginia Beach Campus shared his plan on reorganizing the campus division structure following the resignation of a division dean. The Virginia Beach Campus Senate expressed concerns that the plan had been created without faculty input. In response, Dr. Summers agreed to delay the plan and meet with faculty staff so their concerns and comments could be expressed. This meeting, organized by the VB campus Senate, took place on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, and the faculty voiced their thoughts and concerns. Dr. Summers indicated he would summarize the comments and create a new plan that addressed some the concerns expressed.

On Thursday, September 3, 2009, the College Faculty Senate met and the following motion was passed:

The College Faculty Senate requests that all proposed restructuring and/or changes to a division's scope and purpose within the campuses at Tidewater Community College be routed through the affected campus Faculty Senate for appropriate discussion and comment. Results from these discussions and comment periods should be included with any proposal routed to the Executive Staff or President for approval.

The Motion was backed by the following support statements:

1. To support the idea of shared governance faculty and staff are the ones most affected by campus changes and would have unique knowledge of their effect on students, mission of the college, and its reputation with its associated communities.
2. Faculty and staff have the knowledge of history of why and how the current structure was put in place and will have to live with decisions for very long

periods as compared with the average length of time deans and provosts are in place. We feel it is appropriate that their input be given official recognition in these matters.

On Friday, September 4, 2009, Dr. Summers distributed a revised proposal for the division reorganization to the Virginia Beach Campus Senators and faculty from the Engineering and Industrial Technologies Division for their review. In this proposal he included a summary of the comments from the September 1 meeting with faculty, and he asked that comments be sent to him by Tuesday, September 08, 2009 as that was the date he planned to forward his official proposal to President DiCroce.

The senate requests that this motion be considered and that the Virginia Beach Campus Senate be given the opportunity to prepare comments on the proposed reorganization before it is formally approved.

Thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions or I can offer further assistance, do not hesitate to contact me.