Sfaculty Senate

Virginia Beach **MINUTES** Date & Time: October 31, 2019 12:30 p.m. Location: Blackwater Building, CE 122

I. Virginia Beach Senators Attending: Melanie Basinger, Health Professions; Angela Bell, Secretary, Health Professions; Kathy Buhrer, Engineering, Sciences and Math; Wendy Buie, Counseling; Maureen Cahill, Arts and Humanities; Chris Cartwright, Engineering, Sciences and Math; Sam Duncan, Arts and Humanities; John Gallo, Engineering, Sciences, and Math; Sydney Gordon, Library; Diana Homsi, Engineering, Sciences and Math; Kimberly Jones, Public and Professional Services; John Krenzke, Vice Chair, Social Sciences; Jared Oliverio, Computer Science and IT; Dania Sinibaldi, Chair, Engineering, Sciences and Math; Tom Williams, Arts and Humanities.

II. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:38 PM.

III. Review/Approval of September Minutes: Minutes were approved as written.

IV. New Business:

A. Dr. Summers invitation to VB campus senate meeting: Discussion regarding whether to invite Dr. Summers to future meetings took place.

Motion: The VA Beach Senate invites Dr. Summers to meetings for the 2019/2020 academic year. Motion passed.

- B. Campus Cup: The Campus Cup's will be closing on Nov. 1st, however no information is being shared with faculty. Issues involving vending machines and the use of storm card/ credit cards were discussed. It was determined that issues would be forwarded to the Provost since it is not an academic problem and out of the purview of the Va. Beach senate.
- C. VCCS 29: Salary compression continues to go unaddressed with disparity between new hires and faculty with >10 years of service. In addition, there appears to be disparity between faculty with MS degree and those with industry credentials. Beth Lunde to be invited to come and talk with the Va. Beach senate and all faculty to explain salary compensation/calculations.

Motion: Move that the College Senate review all previous motions regarding faculty salary and move forward. (Motion to be held until after meeting with Beth Lunde)

V. Chair's Report:

- **A.** College-Wide Senate: October 3rd at the Chesapeake Campus
 - Faculty Professional Development Lydia LePorte is new chair
 - Commencement Chair Charlotte Rush is faculty contact for regalia
 - Scholarships don't all get matched with a student. Encourage faculty to assist students with application process. Forms can be found on TCC website under financial aid.
 - Presidential Candidates- Dr. Marcia Conston was selected as new TCC President.
 - RIF rumors dispelled

- Direct Enrollment Math Pilot in fall 2020- TCC will participate in pilot. Students will be able to enroll without taking a placement test.
- **B.** Academic Advisory Council

Met on Oct 4th, Oct 18th meeting was cancelled. The one meeting lasted less than 30 minutes; on the agenda were 1) courses with no textbook 2) update on policy 2111 (capping of online courses), and 3) communication of the AAC minutes (College Senate President requested that minutes be made available to all)

C. VB Provost's Staff Meeting

Oct 8th, Oct 22nd

1. Enrollment as of Tuesday last week Tuesday:

 VB -6.6%
 Ches -7.8%
 Norfolk -12.0%
 Ports -10.8%
 College -8.6%

 42.7%
 20.6%
 17.3%
 19.4%
 100%

Per Dr. Summers it has been at 40%, 20%, 20%, 20% for years.

- 2. Kim Bovee conducted a scanning session- faculty encourage to participate if they have not done so already.
- 3. Developmental Placement by School System- Dr. Summers shared English/math readiness for school system.
- Update on Faculty Advising 30 faculty have been assigned to advise 33 students (13 Beach, 5 Portsmouth, 6 Norfolk, 4 Chesapeake). The dean and the faculty member were contacted <u>simultaneously</u>.
- 5. Upcoming Events:
 - a) Workshop for Veterans Nov 11th
 - b) Va Beach Community Night Nov 15th 6-9pm
 - c) Fall 2019 Commencement Dec 16th 6p
- D. Senate Executive Committee
 - Sept 27 created 3 questions to ask each presidential candidate at any open or faculty forum
 - Oct 10 met with board member Terri Thompson to share faculty comments
 - Oct 18 met with Dr. DeCinque regarding receiving of the new president

VI. Division Reports:

- a. Arts and Humanities
- b. Business and IT
- c. Health Science-student money struggles continue to be an issue. Financial aid and scholarship opportunities are important to student success and information should be readily available.
- d. Engineering Science and Math
- e. Social Science
- f. Counseling (Navigate) there has been some changes in advising of old vs. new students. New students were given priority, now all students (new and old) are being advised. Continual students can make an appointment. Standardizing is making issues worse.
- g. Library
- I. Old Business:
- VB Campus Course Failures. Stop the bleed. Melanie Basinger will join Dean Hodge and the Retention Task Force beginning in November to represent the senate.

Next College Senate Meeting – Thursday, November 7, 2019. Meet and greet at 1:30 p.m., meeting at 2:00 p.m. – Norfolk Campus, Room TBD. *Next VB Senate Meeting* – Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. K304.

Close: Meeting adjourned at 2:13 PM

Respectfully submitted, Angela Bell, Secretary