

Virginia Beach **MINUTES** Date & Time: October 28, 2021, 12:30 p.m. Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Virginia Beach Senators Attending:

Chair: Dania Sinibaldi, Engr, Science & Math *Vice Chair*: Maureen Cahill, Arts & Humanities Melanie Basinger, Health Professions Alan Holck, Adjunct Kimberly Jones, Public and Prof Services John Gallo, Engr, Science & Math John Krenzke, Social Sciences Laurie Lawson, Engr, Science & Math Cheryl Nabati, Library Tiffany Putman, Counseling Amy Shay, Health Professions Ian Springer-Woods, Arts & Humanities

Senators Not in Attendance: Jason Armstrong, Adjunct

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM.
- II. Review/Approval of March Minutes: September 2021 minutes were approved.
- III. New Business:
 - A. There are currently 4 vacant Senator positions: 1 in Business; 1 in Science, Engineering, and Mathematics; 1 in Arts and Humanities; and 1 Adjunct Faculty.
 - B. The chair proposed revisions to the Virginia Beach Faculty Senate bylaws that reflect the current TCC administrative structure. The changes replace references to the campus Provost and Provost Staff meetings with Virginia Beach Campus Dean and Campus Leadership meetings. The proposed revisions will be voted on next meeting.
 - C. There was discussion about issues currently affecting faculty. These included:
 - shortening registration terms and adjusting accommodations for courses shorter than 16 or 15 weeks long and
 - the college plan for spring 2022 courses with regard to the continuing Covid situation.

IV. Chair's Report

A. College-Wide Senate met on October 7. It unanimously passed the motion that "Tidewater Community College conducts a salary equity and compression/merit study for 9-month and 12-month professional and teaching faculty compensation; focusing on how those salaries compare to those with similar rank, experience, and longevity at the college, in the state and across the country as of Fall 2021."

- B. VB Leadership Team met on October 1. Topics discussed included student support services, enrollment, and a change to grade replacement policy.
- C. Academic Affairs Council met on October 22. Topics discussed included enrollment, the "This Week in TCC" newsletter, Campus Café closures, multi-factor authentication, program prioritization, and the move to shorter academic sessions in spring 2022.
- D. TCC Faculty Senate Executive Committee has not officially met this term, but discussions among members have continued regarding faculty concerns about the return to face-to-face teaching, bookstore issues, and consistency in the use of professional development funds across the college.
- E. The Program Prioritization Committee met on October 8. Program evaluations will be suspended this semester but will resume in spring 2022. Meetings on the process will continue in the meantime. The next meeting is October 29.
- V. Division Reports: No reports
- VI. Old Business: None

Next College Senate Meeting - October 7, 2021 at 2:00 pm, Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Next VB Senate Meeting – November 23, 2021 at 12:30 pm, Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Close: The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 pm

Respectfully submitted, John Gallo, Secretary