

Chesapeake Campus Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2016 Room 4318, Chesapeake New Academic Building

Attending Senators: Rianna Amolsch (president of the world)

Kevin Brady Joy Yaeger Jeannie Taylor Vincent Gary Bobby Rowe Kelly Gillerlain

Guests: Matt Gorris

David Kiracofe (with an apple)

The meeting began with an introduction by the chair of the Chesapeake Faculty Senate Rianna Amolsch, who welcomed the group and called to order the regular meeting of the Chesapeake Faculty Senate.

Next, Rianna Amolsch provided the group with the date for Dr. DeMarte's Dialogue at the Chesapeake campus, which was scheduled for March 9, 2016. After a brief discussion, the group realized that the date of DeMarte's Dialogue would interfere with Tidewater Community College's Spring Break. On the bright side, Amolsch was able to re-schedule DeMarte's Dialogue for February 29, 2016.

Amolsch also provided the group with updates about the Mental Health Sessions (scheduled on all four TCC campuses during the month of February) as well as the Guided Pathways Mapping sessions (scheduled in March).

Amolsch concluded her remarks with a brief discussion of the summer and fall schedules at the Chesapeake campus. The group noted that the Chesapeake campus has witnessed an increase in the number of 12-week courses being offered at the campus (effective and efficient strategy to get students who did not register in time for a 16-week course).

After Amolsch finished her Chair Report, she moved on to the meeting's new business:

David Kiracofe, who is chair of the Textbook Policy Committee, mentioned that he and the other committee members are working on developing a textbook policy for the college. He also added that the new policy will include an OER component. Upon hearing that the college's textbook policy will have an OER component, Joy Yaeger, who is works extensively with OER, smiled and said, "Yay!"

Amolsch also revisited the on-going topic of whether full-time faculty members can bump adjuncts for overloads at the college. While the group agreed that full-time faculty members could bump adjuncts to make course load, a majority of the Chesapeake Faculty Senate believed that full-time faculty members should not be able to bump adjuncts for overloads.

The group also discussed their concerns with the academic calendar. For example, first eight week classes during the spring semester conclude on March 7th, which is the first day of Spring Break.

Joy Yaeger, who serves as one of our great librarians at the Chesapeake campus, mentioned that Library to Go, which offers TCC students research and general library help, will start in early March (Library to Go will be located in the Chesapeake Academic Building).

The meeting was then adjourned due to time constraints....Amolsch and others had class at 1:30 PM!

The next Chesapeake Campus Faculty Senate Meeting will be held on March 1st at 12:30 in the Chesapeake Academic Building – Room 4318.