

Chesapeake Campus Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

March 1, 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 David French

Guests: Sean LaCroix

Emily Wilson Cindy Welch

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 a recap of the Mental Health Session as well as Dr. DeMarte's Dialogue, which was held on February 29, 2016. Some of the highlights of DeMarte's Dialogue included college-wide scheduling (a majority of the attendees at DeMarte's Dialogue favored localized scheduling) and additional debate over Guided Pathways (DeMarte maintained that some of the merits of the Guided Pathways Model would be that it would help alleviate some of problems with counselors as well as increase the college's graduation rates – this later point is important because the college's funding will be linked to graduation rates)

Amolsch also provided the group with updates about the SEM Mapping Week, which is scheduled for March 21 – March 25.

After Amolsch finished her Chair Report, she moved on to Vince Gary's Student Center Report:

Gary noted that the Career Pathways Program, which involved several Chesapeake public schools, was a great success as students interacted with faculty, counselors, deans, student activities staff members and others at the Chesapeake campus on February 26, 2016. Additionally, he told the group that the Student Center's student progress report program was a success.

Joy Yaeger, who is one of the amazing librarians at the Chesapeake campus, provided the group with an update about the Library to Go program, which offers TCC students research and general library help. She also told the group that Library to Go would start on March 1 (a librarian would be available to meet with students in the lobby of the Chesapeake Academic Building on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm).

After Yaeger finished her Library Report, Amolsch 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. Amolsch also mentioned that the college does not have an official policy for faculty bumping adjuncts for overloads (this topic was discussed at Dr. DeMarte's Dialogue). Hopefully, the issue of whether full-time faculty members can bump adjuncts for overloads will be addressed at the SEM Mapping sessions in March

Amolsch also addressed some new business, which involved whether Dr. DeMarte should be able to attend the college-wide Senate meetings. The group believed that DeMarte should be able to attend the college-wide meetings, so he can answer questions as well as discuss college-related issues.

Additionally, Amolsch noted that the college-wide Senate is considering the creation of a Faculty blog or Facebook page to improve communication at Tidewater Community College.

The meeting was then adjourned due to time constraints....Amolsch and others had class at 1:30 PM! Plus, I was getting hungry. :)

The next Chesapeake Campus Faculty Senate Meeting will be held on April 5th at 12:30 in the Chesapeake Academic Building – Room 4318.