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Chesapeake Campus
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2015
Room 4318, Chesapeake New Academic Building

Attending Senators: Rianna Amolsch
Kevin Brady
Joy Yaeger
Jeannie Taylor
Vincent Gary
David French
Bobby Rowe
Kelly Gillerlain

Guests: Emily Wilson
Doug Thiele
Ian Bolling
David Kiracofe
Pam Dale
Bert Fox

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 Chair Report of the College-wide Senate Meeting from Thursday, September 3, 2015:

- Amolsch discussed the college's textbook policy. It was noted that there was some concern among the faculty members about how adjuncts (from disciplines without full-time faculty members) select textbooks. Additionally, faculty members questioned if the new textbook policy would address OER.
- The group discussed the newly revised Faculty Development and Evaluation Plan (Is the e-portfolio mandatory?) There was some discussion at the College-wide Faculty Senate meeting that the e-portfolio was not mandatory.
- Amolsch mentioned that the college's faculty members will have an opportunity to vote on moving the Professional Development Day to August.

- Amolsch also discussed that there are changes to the Faculty Handbook (more information to come…)

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

- The group expressed several concerns over the college raising online course caps (English, Foreign Languages, Communications, and Math classes) because it placed a huge burden on faculty members to answer students' questions as well as grade students' assignments in a timely manner.
- It was also discussed how OSHA limits the size of labs at TCC, which is a good idea (Tom) in regards to an individual's health and safety.
- The group also debated the college's plans to centralize online scheduling and how it would impact faculty members as well as the college's student enrollment.
- Additionally, the group mentioned that course scheduling was a concern at all four campus (especially with the low student enrollment during the fall semester), and the Chesapeake campus Senate agreed that the four campuses needed to work together in order to create an efficient class schedule.

The meeting was then adjourned.

The next Chesapeake Campus Faculty Senate Meeting will be held on October 13th at 12:30 in the Chesapeake Academic Building – Room (TBA).