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College of Humanities and Sciences (CHS) Faculty Council 2013-2014
Monday, Sep 15, 2014; 308 Hibbs Hall

Attendees

Julio C. Alvarez, CHSFC Parliamentarian, Chemistry
Jason Arnold, Political Science
Susan Bodnar-Deren, CHSFC Past President, Sociology
Edward Boone, Statistical Science & Operations Research
Rowena Briones, Robertson School of Media and Culture
Christine Cynn, Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies
Michael L. Fine, Biology
David Golumbia, English
Les Harrison, English, Faculty Senate
William Hornsby, Kinesiology & Health Sciences
Craig Larson, Mathematics & Applied Mathematics
Robert L Sims, School of World Studies
Donald Smith, Philosophy
Tim Thurber, History
Joe Topich, Chemistry, UAC
Joseph Turner, CHSFC President, Chemistry, CHS Tech Committee

Absent

Jim McCullough, Psychology
Sarah Seashols Williams, CHFSC Secretary, Forensic Science
[representative], African-American Studies
Robert Gains, Military Science and Leadership
Ronald Evans, Graduate Academic Committee
Joseph Topich, Undergraduate Academic Committee
Denis Demchenko, Physics
Kathryn Murphy-Judy, Liberal Studies for Early and Elementary Education
Charlene Crawley, Interdisciplinary Science Program
Peter Kirkpatrick, University Council
Nicholas Farrell, Promotion & Tenure Committee

1. Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the May meeting were unanimously approved by voice vote.

3. Report from Past President on 2013-14 Business

Past President Susan Bodnar-Deren indicated that she has placed a complete report on last year's business on our Blackboard site, and provided a brief overview of the contents of the document.

4. CHS Standing Committees and Subcommittees

CHSFC President Joseph Turner went over the CHSFC membership and the structure of VCU and CHS Standing Committees, indicating which committees send delegates to CHS Faculty Council, in addition to its Departmental representatives. He also briefly discussed the ongoing activities of the CHSFC Subcommittee on Bylaws, which has been working over the summer to revise our bylaws, with the goal of providing a slate of proposed revisions to Council at either our October or November meeting.

5. Introductions

This being the first meeting of the year, Council members introduced themselves.

6. Overview of Council Duties

President Turner presented a brief overview of Council's duties in general and its relationship with the many other governance and institutional structures at VCU.

7. Issues for the Coming Year

Among the issues that are already on the agenda for the coming year are the SACS reaccreditation and the revised QEP; the definition of shared governance across VCU's campus, about which we hope to cooperate with the Faculty Senate; the proposed revisions to VCU's budget model; and the question of using ePortfolios as an additional assessment tool in the College.

8. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 4:15pm. The next meeting of Faculty Council will be held **Monday, October 20, from 3pm-4:30pm in Room 308, Hibbs Hall.**

Submitted, October 15, 2014,



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(For Sarah Seashols Williams, Secretary of the CHS Faculty Council, who had an unbreakable scheduling conflict for this meeting)