

MINUTES

College of Humanities and Sciences (CHS) Faculty Council 2014-2015
Monday, April 20, 2015; 308 Hibbs Hall

Attendees

Joseph Turner, CHSFC President, Chemistry
Julio C. Alvarez, CHSFC Parliamentarian, Chemistry
Sarah Seashols Williams, CHFSC Secretary, Forensic Science
Ghidewon Abay-Asmerom, CHS Technology Committee
Andrew Bristow, Mathematics & Applied Mathematics
Rowena Briones, Robertson School of Media and Culture
Michael L. Fine, Biology
Susan Bodnar-Deren, CHSFC Past President, Sociology
Joseph Topich, Undergraduate Academic Committee
Jim McCullough, Psychology
Denis Demchenko, Physics
Jason Arnold, Political Science
Edward Boone, Statistical Science & Operations Research
Tim Thurber, History
Christine Cynn, Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies
Donald Smith, Philosophy
Kathryn Murphy-Judy, Liberal Studies for Early and Elementary Education

Absent

David Golumbia, English
William Hornsby, Kinesiology & Health Sciences
Les Harrison, English, Faculty Senate
Peter Kirkpatrick, University Council
Ronald Evans, Graduate Academic Committee
Charlene Crawley, Interdisciplinary Science Program
Robert Gains, Military Science and Leadership
Nicholas Farrell, Promotion & Tenure Committee
Robert L Sims, School of World Studies
[representative], African-American Studies

1. Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by voice vote.

3. **Committee Reports**

UAC - Joe Topich will submit UAC summary of work and report will be posted on Bb.

GAC - No report given.

Technology Committee - HEETF and STF deadlines were March 31. Next Wed (4/29) will be first meeting

P&T - No report given.

UC - No report given.

FS - No report given.

University Council - No report given.

Library Committee - No report given.

ACM - No report given.

4. **Dean Coleman**

New budget model - handouts were uploaded to Blackboard

- VCU's current budget model is based on incremental model (start with last year, evaluate needs and new money). Advantages - straightforward and easy to implement. Challenge - last year's budget was rational and made sense. Given that CHS teaches almost 60% of undergraduates, the budget "drift" did not correlate as student body increased.
- RCM (Responsibility-centered management) aligns budget with where areas of revenue are coming from. Additionally, incentives/accountability for more students, etc are not tied to funding.
- Data from CHS indicates dramatic need when evaluating student numbers, credit hours, student:faculty ratio (38:1 - looking to get to 20-25:1), and cost/credit hour for individual units. CHS budget is 90-95% people, which is limiting and should be closer to 80%
- Discussions are ongoing - it is expected that the model will be implemented in the next few years - the task force and steering committee hope to have the data for a parallel year in FY2016 (working in incremental, tracking in RCM), and then full implementation in FY2017.

CHS Branding - handouts were given out

- CHS Advisory Board - VCU is about to go into a big fundraising campaign ~780 million (CHS ~30 million in future). CHS worked with Advisory Board to identify branding
 - 3 goals for CHS fundraising
 - for students - undergraduate research, study abroad, unpaid internships - to facilitate transformational experiences
 - for faculty - endowed chairs and funds for faculty research
 - for the College home
- Feedback on branding document is requested and could be given in May meeting or emailed to Dean Coleman

5. **Old Business:**

Needs grants: Volunteers agreed to review grant applications for quick turnaround for award notifications.

CHSFC Draft Bylaws: Some minor revisions (punctuations) were made and Bylaws were approved. Bylaws will be posted publicly for comment and voted in first faculty meeting in Fall.

Non-Unit Member Votes - Dean's office has failed to provide nominations - emails were sent in December, January, February, March, and April and no nominations have been provided.

6. **President's Report** - nothing new to report

7. **New Business**

Faculty member in History proposed a resolution that the President's bonuses be correspondent with faculty salary increases. The resolution will be distributed on Blackboard for FC members to take to their faculty and receive feedback and decision on voting and changes can be continued in May and into 2015-16.

8. **Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm. The next meeting of Faculty Council will be held **Monday, May 18, from 3pm-4:30pm in Room 308, Hibbs Hall.**

Submitted May 14, 2015.



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