

MINUTES

College of Humanities and Sciences (CHS) Faculty Council 2013-2014 Monday, Oct 20, 2014; 308 Hibbs Hall

Attendees

Joseph Turner, CHSFC President, Chemistry, CHS Tech Committee
Peter Kirkpatrick, University Council
Sarah Seashols Williams, CHFSC Secretary, Forensic Science
Denis Demchenko, Physics
Edward Boone, Statistical Science & Operations Research
Rowena Briones, Robertson School of Media and Culture
Christine Cynn, Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies
David Golumbia, English
Les Harrison, English, Faculty Senate
William Hornsby, Kinesiology & Health Sciences
Kathryn Murphy-Judy, Liberal Studies for Early and Elementary Education
Charlene Crawley, Interdisciplinary Science Program
Robert L Sims, School of World Studies
Donald Smith, Philosophy
Tim Thurber, History
Jim McCullough, Psychology

Absent

Julio C. Alvarez, CHSFC Parliamentarian, Chemistry
Susan Bodnar-Deren, CHSFC Past President, Sociology
[representative], African-American Studies
Robert Gains, Military Science and Leadership
Ronald Evans, Graduate Academic Committee
Joseph Topich, Undegraduate Academic Committee
Michael L. Fine, Biology
Jason Arnold, Political Science
Nicholas Farrell, Promotion & Tenure Committee
Craig Larson, Mathematics & Applied Mathematics
Joe Topich, Chemistry, UAC

1. Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 P.M.

2. Committee Reports

FC President Jody Turner indicated that most committees have not met, or are currently meeting this week, and therefore have nothing to report.

Faculty Senate Report: Faculty Senate discussed efforts to address fair faculty compensation.

University Council Report: UC discussed using resources at hand to address Quest and faculty compensation.

ACM Report: ACM had news regarding new College building and space allocation, as well as increased security by VCU Police

3. Approval of Minutes

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

4. Old Business:

a. College Faculty Bylaw Revision Update

FC President Jody Turner discussed reasoning for revising the revised Faculty Council Bylaws that were presented in the September 2014 FC meeting, such that the Bylaws text within the College Bylaws would be reduced, and Policies & Procedures document implemented that included the minutiae of FC procedures. Discussion centered on removing the retired and adjunct faculty representatives, and thus their voice. While adjunct faculty are not permitted to vote, their voice is still valued.

b. MOOC resolution

FC President Turner and past President Bodner-Deren met with Dean Coleman regarding the 13-14 FC resolution regarding MOOC courses, and his response was positive. The Modality Task Force report will be released within the next 2 weeks. There was question regarding the MOOC resolution, as it was passed in 13-14, and should not be altered.

5. Plans for upcoming Council meetings & New Business

FC President Turner plans to invite Dean Coleman to November meeting, Don Young as Equity & Diversity representative, and Anne Stratton in January and February meetings.

FC members suggested a quick “exciting” summary email to all faculty with old, new, and upcoming FC business, with a click to RSS feed for increased faculty voice.

David Golumbia relayed the Department of English’s concern with the dissolution of the Center for Teaching Excellence, and conversion into AltLab. English’s concern is that the shared governance implied in the University was not sought, and that Teaching Excellence assistance is no longer available. Even though rhetoric is that CTE functions were taken up by AltLab, things like Brown Bag lunches and CTE grants were cancelled.

6. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm. The next meeting of Faculty Council will be held **Monday, November 17, from 3pm-4:30pm in Room 308, Hibbs Hall.**

Submitted October 20, 2014.

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