

MINUTES

College of Humanities and Sciences (CHS) Faculty Council 2014-2015

Monday, Nov 17, 2014; 308 Hibbs Hall

Attendees

Joseph Turner, CHSFC President, Chemistry
CHS Tech Committee
Jason Arnold, Political Science
Peter Kirkpatrick, University Council
Sarah Seashols Williams, CHSFC Secretary, Forensic Science
Julio C. Alvarez, CHSFC Parliamentarian, Chemistry
Susan Bodnar-Deren, CHSFC Past President, Sociology
Ronald Evans, Graduate Academic Committee
Christine Cynn, Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies
Ghidewon Abay-Asmerom, CHS Technology Committee
Michael L. Fine, Biology
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
Craig Larson, Mathematics & Applied Mathematics
Jim McCullough, Psychology

Absent

Robert Gains, Military Science and Leadership
David Golumbia, English
Joseph Topich, Undergraduate Academic Committee
Nicholas Farrell, Promotion & Tenure Committee
Denis Demchenko, Physics
Edward Boone, Statistical Science & Operations Research
Rowena Briones, Robertson School of Media and Culture
[representative], African-American Studies

1. Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the October meeting were revised and unanimously approved by voice vote.

3. Committee Reports

UAC - Not reported

GAC - GAC is moving forward with Degree Audit for graduate programs

Technology Committee - new representative Ghidewon Abay-Asmerom

P&T - Not reported

UC - Pres Rao updated on budget progress & transparency. Wilder School is dropping 2 programs with no students and no faculty

FS - nothing to report

ACM - Charlene Crowley reported the focus of the meeting was grants and contracting. Additionally College will be evaluating Fac/Student teaching loads and ratios, and enrollment lower limits. (i.e. advanced elective courses with low enrollments)

4. Old Business:

a. MOOC resolution - Past President Bodner-Deren met with Dean Coleman regarding the 13-14 FC resolution regarding MOOC courses, and concerns regarding fac-student ratios, and he felt that this resolution should be revisited as it could be misconstrued. Susan moved that we revisit the MOOC resolution passed in 13-14 to correct the faculty:student ratio wording. The movement was seconded and passed unanimously, to be addressed in the January 2015 meeting.

b. College Faculty Bylaw Revision - FC revised College Bylaws Articles I-III. Revisions were made and approved.

5. President's Report - nothing to report

6. Plans for upcoming Council meetings & New Business

Faculty Council now has a website - <http://has.vcu.edu/faculty-and-staff/faculty-council/>. Meeting dates, roster and approved minutes will be posted on the website. Updates will be in the next 2 H&S newsletter for faculty input on Bylaws revision.

"Needs" Grant - Faculty Council has funds to give \$500-1000 grant funds (total TBD from Dean Tombes). Subcommittee will be formed in December or January so that meeting with Dean Tombes can be made.

January meeting is rescheduled for January 26, as the University is closed on January 19.

Dean Coleman will be attending FC meeting in December. Anne Stratton will be attending February meeting and updating FC on Diversity.

FC moved that Dean Coleman be immediately emailed and presented with a commendation: The Faculty Council of the College of Humanities & Sciences at Virginia Commonwealth University commends Dean James Coleman for his outstanding leadership and his continued support and guidance in the mission of the College.

GSWS, Chemistry and Forensic Science expressed their concern that the Center for Teaching Excellence was eliminated.

5. Adjournment and Next Meeting

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

Submitted November 20, 2014.

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