

**Radford University Internal Governance Faculty Task Force
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2009**

Members Present: Dr. Matt Franck, Dr. Kim Gainer, Dr. Chris Hermann, Dr. Gary Schirr,
Dr. Sid Smith, Dr. Skip Thompson

Members Absent: Dr. Laura Spielman

Guests Present: None.

I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

1. Dr. Smith called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.
2. There are no previous meetings.

II. Reports and Announcements

1. None

III. Old Business

1. None

IV. New Business

1. Nominations were taken for committee chair, and Chris Hermann was chosen by acclamation.
2. Sid Smith volunteered to be secretary, and this was agreed without objection.
3. Members reviewed the charge of the committee, and agreed to meet in one week to discuss answers and rationales for the first question: does IG need revision? Informal discussion of such rationales ensued.
4. Members set the time and date of their next meeting: Thursday, October 22, from 8:00 to 9:15 am in Walker Hall, room 247.

V. Announcements

1. None

VI. Adjournment

1. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2009

Members Present: Dr. Matt Franck, Dr. Kim Gainer, Dr. Chris Hermann, Dr. Gary Schirr, Dr. Laura Spielman, Dr. B. Sidney Smith

Members Absent: none

Guests Present: none

I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

1. Dr. Hermann called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.
2. The minutes of the October 14th meeting were approved.

II. Reports and Announcements

1. None

III. Old Business

1. Members having reviewed the existing IG System discussed its shortcomings. Dr. Franck noted that he felt there was a need for a complete rethink of the system. Dr. Gainer said that the IG Doc was much too vague regarding which committees had jurisdiction over which issues. Dr. Schirr said that there should be an overview document that explains the system succinctly and clearly. Dr. Franck contributed that the English department chair was concerned about who governs the new Core Curriculum. Dr. Gainer mentioned in this connection the difficulty of amending the curriculum. Dr. Franck said that he felt the system should provide for a more appropriate level of authority over curricular decisions, to which members agreed. Dr. Franck also mentioned that some things that are in the Faculty Handbook seem like they belong in the IG Doc, and members agreed that revision must address this issue. Dr. Hermann noted that there is lots of dated language in the current IG Doc (references to the College of Arts and Sciences, etc.). Dr. Smith noted that there is a real problem with budgetary and organization transparency. Dr. Spielman noted that communication of faculty issues to the board has been a problem in the last year. Dr. Gainer emphasized that reports by the provost and others to higher administrators should be required to be in writing. Dr. Franck noted that the status of the library faculty (administrative and professional or teach and research?) should be examined.

IV. New Business

1. Dr. Smith agreed to draft the outline of a resolution and members agreed to think about elements of a recommendation for a process of revision. Members agreed to meet in the same place and at the same time on Nov. 5th.

V. Announcements

1. None.

VI. Adjournment

1. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 am.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2009

Members Present: Dr. Chris Hermann, Dr. Gary Schirr, Dr. Laura Spielman, Dr. B. Sidney Smith, Dr. Skip Thompson

Members Absent: Dr. Matt Franck, Dr. Kim Gainer

Guests Present: none

I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

1. Dr. Hermann called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.
2. The minutes of the October 22nd meeting were approved.

II. Reports and Announcements

1. None

III. Old Business

1. Members worked on developing a draft motion on a process of revision for IG. Dr. Smith agreed to make inquiries about the feasibility of hiring a consultant for the proposed steering committee. Members agreed to review the draft motion and bring any new ideas to the final meeting, to be held at 8am on November 19th.

IV. New Business

1. None.

V. Announcements

1. None.

VI. Adjournment

1. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 am.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC)
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2009

Members Present: Dr. Matt Franck, Dr. Kim Gainer, Dr. Chris Hermann, Dr. Gary Schirr, Dr. Laura Spielman, Dr. B. Sidney Smith

Members Absent: Dr. Skip Thompson

Guests Present: none

I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

1. Dr. Hermann called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.
2. The minutes of the November 5th meeting were approved.

II. Reports and Announcements

1. None

III. Old Business

1. Members reviewed the draft motion. Dr. Franck proposed changing the representation of T & R faculty on the steering committee to three, and after discussion this was agreed to. The members then agreed to the final form of the resolution to be presented to the faculty senate.

IV. New Business

1. None.

V. Announcements

1. None.

VI. Adjournment

1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 am.