

2011-2012 Faculty Senate Meeting  
November 17, 2011  
Heth Hall, Room 014

**Members Present:** Suzanne E. Ament, Roann Barris, Maggie Bassett, Steven Beach, Candice Benjes-Small, Robert Boross, Timothy L. Channell, Joseph Chase, Farrell Doss, Mary Ferrari, Kim Gainer, Vince Hazleton, Rhett B. Herman, Blas Hernandez, Katherine R. Hilden, Margaret Hrezo, Cathy Hudgins, Pamela A. Jackson, Laura E. Jacobsen, Abhay Kaushik, Jerry M. Kopf, Laura E. LaRue, Kevin LoPresto, Douglas Mitchell, Michael B. Moore, Teresa O'Bannon, Richard A. Roth, Basel Saleh, Susan L. Schoppelrey, Bob Sheehy, Kenneth Smith, Lynne Taylor, Jonathan L. Tso, Joseph I. Wirgau

**Members Absent:** E. Kevin Ayers, Julia Castleberry, James E. Collier, Lori Elis, Jake Fox, Mary LaLone, Helen Roybark, Michael Sinclair, Lauren Smith, Edward Carter Turner, Erin L. Webster Garrett

**Guests:** None

I. Call to Order: 3:30pm

II. The minutes from the November 3, 2011 Senate meeting were approved.

III. Reports

a. Senate President's Report: Dr. Roth's comments included:

- i. He told the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Visitors at their November 10 meeting that the Faculty Senate and Dr. Minner will be working to reform Internal Governance at Radford University. There is continued faculty frustration with the proliferation of external mandates such as assessment. The Core Curriculum is resource intensive and may be taking away from academic majors. Faculty morale is down by the continued salary freezes and inequities.
- ii. Dr. Roth said that the BOV told him that tuition increases won't play very well in Richmond.
- iii. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee met with Dr. Jim Lollar and discusses a number of legislative issues that are being supported by the Faculty Senate of Virginia. There is a link to the Faculty Senate of Virginia website on the RU Faculty Senate page.
- iv. Dr. Boross asked how Richmond views out-of-state students in general. Dr. Roth said that the Virginia Governor wants the state's universities to serve our own students' needs. Dr. Chase said that JMU has 35% of its students from out of state while RU only has 9% of our students from out of state.

b. Committee Reports:

- i. Campus Environment—Dr. Laura Jacobsen said that two accessibility forums held November 10 and 11 had about 15-20 attendees per session. The CEC will work on the information from these forums.
- ii. Curriculum—None.

- iii. Faculty Issues—Dr. Gainer said that two motions would be introduced at today’s meeting.
- iv. Governance—None.
- v. Resource Allocation—Dr. Beach said they will have one motion today.

#### IV. Old Business

- a. None.

#### V. New Business

- a. The Motion concerning criteria to be used in evaluation of faculty was introduced by Dr. Gainer. She said this motion is to introduce openness and clarity so that faculty will always know the criteria upon which their evaluations are based. The motion was automatically tabled.
- b. The Motion to change the reporting period and the starting date for personnel evaluation was introduced by Dr. Gainer. She said this was especially relevant to large departments, and would give chairs the summer to work on evaluations of their faculty. The motion was automatically tabled.
- c. The Motion concerning limitation on university withdrawal was read by Dr. Roth. He mentioned that this motion puts RU in line with other universities in Virginia. The motion was automatically tabled.
- d. The Motion concerning Cambridge International Examination transfer credit was read by Dr. Roth. He mentioned that this motion would bring RU in line with Virginia code. The motion was automatically tabled.
- e. The Motion supporting the dissolution of the School of Environmental and Physical Sciences was read by Dr. Roth. The motion was automatically tabled.
- f. The Motion regarding allocation of faculty raises in 2011-2012 fiscal year was introduced from the floor by Dr. Beach. He said that this was really a “motion of fairness” if a possible 2% faculty salary increase were to happen this year. The motion was automatically tabled.

#### VI. Announcements

- a. Dr. Roth reminded senators that Dr. Mark Shanley, Vice President for Student Affairs, was scheduled to address the Senate on December 8, 2011.

#### VII. Adjournment: 4:30pm