

2011-2012 Faculty Senate Meeting
April 19, 2012
Russell Hall, Room 007

Members Present: Suzanne E. Ament, Roann Barris, Maggie Bassett, Steven Beach, Candice Benjes-Small, Robert Boross, Timothy L. Channell, Joseph Chase, James E. Collier, Farrell Doss, Lori Elis, Mary Ferrari, Kim Gainer, Vince Hazleton, Rhett B. Herman, Katherine R. Hilden, Lucy Hochstein, Margaret Hrezo, Cathy Hudgins, Pamela A. Jackson, Laura J. Jacobsen, Abhay Kaushik, Jerry Kopf, Mary LaLone, Laura E. LaRue, Kevin LoPresto, Michael B. Moore, Teresa O'Bannon, Alex Orlov, Richard A. Roth, Susan L. Schoppelrey, Bob Sheehy, Neil Sigmon, Kenneth Smith, Lauren Smith, Andrea J. Stanaland, Lynne Taylor, Jonathan L. Tso, Edward Carter Turner, Joseph I. Wirgau

Members Absent: E. Kevin Ayers, Julia Castleberry, Jake Fox, Blas Hernandez, Douglas Mitchell, Helen Roybark, Erin L. Webster Garrett

Guests: President Kyle

I. Call to Order: 3:34pm

II. The minutes from the April 5, 2012 Senate meeting were approved.

III. Reports

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

i. Dr. Webster Garrett in working on the issue of Internal Governance (IG). The Provost's office will hire an outside consultant to assist in this process. This will likely involve past presidents of the Faculty Senate along with some other relevant individuals.

b. RU President's Report: President Kyle discussed the email sent out earlier today regarding RU's funding from the state. Her comments included:

i. The email detailed how some of new funds were designated by the state to be spent.

ii. There is a strong emphasis on retention as mandated by the Governor.

iii. Fund to get the planning started on a new academic building were a pleasant surprise.

iv. Whitt Hall renovations were placed in the next biennium by the legislature, even though this was not in RU's plan for the next biennium. This was placed in front of the Reed-Curie renovations. President Kyle may have to ask Richmond next year to re-order things to get Reed-Curie ahead of Whitt.

v. Dr. Ament asked about the "auxiliary earnings." President Kyle explained that this was interest that came from fees that RU had put in a savings account. In the recent budget crisis Richmond had threatened to simply take all of this money, but RU and others were able to talk them out of it. Then Richmond was going to take the interest. However this morning's email said that—for now—Richmond was not going to take that interest. Which means that, if RU wants to ensure full use of that money, then we should go ahead and use it now.

- vi. The question of the dwindling parking was asked. President Kyle said that less parking will be available in the future, and that everyone should be using the Radford Transit system.
 - vii. The new wellness center will be located between the Covington Center and The Bonnie.
 - viii. The new academic building will be primarily for CHBS. It will be quite large. A site has not been identified yet. RU faculty will certainly be involved in the planning of the new building.
 - ix. The #1 need is classroom space. RU should work to get to a total enrollment of 10,000 students. That number should include around 8,000 undergraduate students plus 2,000 graduate students. However not all of the students will be on the main campus. RU is working to improve our offerings in Roanoke and Abingdon.
 - x. President Kyle said that A&P faculty and classified staff asked about the recent salary raises and she is talking with these groups.
 - xi. Dr. Moore asked about the status of the 50% tuition break for faculty members. President Kyle said that the Governor will decide this.
 - xii. President Kyle mentioned that the tuition and fees for this year will be capped by the Governor. However she does not yet know those caps. Typically the Governor calls the University presidents in the days before their BOV meetings to tell the presidents the maximum amount by which each school may raise tuition and fees. There may or may not also be BOV members involved in that call. She has not received that call yet, nor has the Governor set a date for that call.
 - xiii. Dr. Wirgau asked if tuition and fees could be raised in different levels in order to start to fill RU's budget gaps. President Kyle explained the difference between mandatory student fees (comprehensive fee, student fee), differential fees (i.e. course-specific fees), and room & board. The governor sets the limits on the mandatory fees and tuition, not the other two items. Student life and their needs drive the fee structure. If there are discipline-specific budget needs then she would encourage departments to consider course-specific fees.
 - xiv. President Kyle said that she and Richard Alvarez would push the BOV to go to the maximum amount for any tuition/fee increases in order to start to make up the chronic shortfall in RU's budget.
- c. Committee Reports:
- i. Campus Environment—Dr. Jacobsen said that the Faculty Morale Survey results are nearly compiled.
 - ii. Curriculum—Dr. Hrezo reminded senators that two reports of theirs are online on the Senate site.
 - iii. Faculty Issues—None.
 - iv. Governance—Dr. Schoppelrey said the Dean's evaluations will go to the Provost soon.
 - v. Resource Allocation—Dr. Beach said that this committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Faculty Senate not pass "Motion II to Improve the Delivery of CORE 201 and Core 202--Hiring 20 Special Purpose Faculty members" which was referred to this committee last week.

1. The motion to accept his report was made and seconded. This motion to accept was passed. The motion ("Motion II") does not come out of the committee.

IV. Old Business

- a. The Motion to change the name of the Department of Exercise, Sport, and Health Education to The Department of Health and Human Performance was introduced. The CEHD and their Curriculum Committee unanimously supported this motion.
 - i. The motion passed.
- b. Motion I to Improve the Delivery of CORE 201 and Core 202--Meetings Between Affected Groups, was introduced.
 - i. Dr. Jackson offered a friendly amendment to expand things to "University Core A" instead of only CORE 201/202. Dr. Hrezo asked to add that "The committee will submit a report and recommendations to the Faculty Senate in September 2012." The amendment from Dr. Hrezo moved into the territory of "substantive amendment" according to the Parliamentarian (Dr. Wirgau).
 - ii. Both of these amendments passed on voice vote.
 - iii. The amended motion was voted on and passed.
- c. A motion was made from the floor to extend the meeting past the mandatory adjournment. This motion passed.
- d. The Motion Regarding Gathering Information from Chairs for Teaching Overloads, brought by the Resource Allocation Committee, was introduced. Points in the discussion included:
 - i. Dr. Chase offered a friendly amendment to change the wording a bit. Dr. Beach said that the RAC accepted the friendly amendment.
 - ii. The main motion as amended passed.
- e. The Motion Regarding a Faculty Survey for Teaching Overloads, brought by the Resource Allocation Committee, was introduced. Points in the discussion included:
 - i. A friendly amendment was offered to send this survey to only T&R faculty. Dr. Chase spoke against the motion. This is because he considers it a conflicting definition of an overload for T&R faculty depending on if you count either FTE or if you count number of courses taught.
 - ii. The friendly amendment passed.
 - iii. The motion as amended passed.
- f. A motion was made from the floor to allow the remaining New Business to remain on the table until the next Senate meeting. (This was because senators leaving lowered the number below that of a quorum.)
 - i. The motion passed.

V. New Business

- i. None

VI. Announcements

a. None.

VII. Adjournment: 5:14pm