

2011-2012 Faculty Senate Meeting
April 26, 2012
Heth Hall Room 014

Members Present: Suzanne E. Ament, E. Kevin Ayers, Roann Barris, Maggie Bassett, Candice Benjes-Small, Robert Boross, Timothy L. Channell, Joseph Chase, James E. Collier, Farrell Doss, Mary Ferrari, Jake Fox, Kim Gainer, Vince Hazleton, Rhett B. Herman, Katherine R. Hilden, Lucy Hochstein, Margaret Hrezo, Pamela A. Jackson, Laura J. Jacobsen, 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, Kenneth Smith, Andrea J. Staland, Lynne Taylor, Jonathan L. Tso, Erin L. Webster Garrett, Joseph I. Wirgau

Members Absent: Steven Beach, Julia Castleberry, Lori Elis, Blas Hernandez, Cathy Hudgins, Abhay Kaushik, Douglas Mitchell, Helen Roybark, Neil Sigmon, Lauren Smith, Edward Carter Turner

Guests: President Kyle

- I. Call to Order: 3:33pm
- II. The minutes from the April 19, 2012 Senate meeting were approved as amended.
- III. A motion was made from the floor to strike items VIII-X from today's agenda. This motion passed.
- IV. Reports
 - a. Senate President's Report: Dr. Roth's comments included:
 - i. A reminder that next week's meeting of the 2012-2013 Faculty Senate will be in Cook Hall room 107 at 3:30pm. Elections of officers will occur then.
 - ii. Many thanks for everyone's work with the 2011-2012 Faculty Senate.
 - b. Climate Acton Plan (CAP) Report: Dr. Roth's comments included:
 - i. He gave a brief history of the CAP. Currently there are approximately 675 other schools involved in this effort.
 - ii. The goal is for RU to have zero net carbon emissions by 2014. The College of the Atlantic in Maine already has 0% net emissions.
 - iii. The CAP website (<http://www.radford.edu/rugreen/>) has a great deal of information.
 - iv. Julio Stevens was recognized by Dr. Roth and he said—in response to a question—that new construction is part of each year's snapshot of RU's emissions. There are three areas in this: "direct"—an example is the use of natural gas to heat water; "indirect"—RU's use of AEP's power which is derived in large part from coal; and "upstream"—which includes constructions companies that must do their own reporting. Thus companies that are building things on the RU campus do not have their own emissions count against RU's emission totals.

- v. Dr. Chase asked about the unavoidable commuting for people who work in different towns and thus can never live where they both work. Dr. Roth said that RU could either generate power, or buy carbon emission credits, to offset this
- c. Committee Reports:
 - i. Campus Environment—Dr. Jacobsen said that the Faculty Morale Survey results are compiled and the general release report is posted on the Senate website. The general report has only the numbers. All of the unedited comments will only go to President Kyle and the Board of Visitors.
 - ii. Curriculum—Dr. Hrezo said that a report on classes is on the Senate web site.
 - iii. Faculty Issues—Dr. Gainer said that an update on intellectual property issues will have to come in the fall. For example, the current policy is that materials developed for online courses “belongs” to the faculty member if RU paid less than \$10k to develop this.
 - iv. Governance—None.
 - v. Resource Allocation—None.

V. Old Business

- a. Dr. Hrezo asked for unanimous consent for substituting the amended Motion Supporting the Development of a Temporary University-wide Task Force on Online Course Delivery, from the Curriculum Committee. The Senate voted to accept the amended motion for discussion. Points in the discussion included:
 - i. Dr. Hazleton expressed concern about creating a committee without a long-term direction. Dr. Hrezo said that this was a long-term committee since online courses will be a major part of future higher education.
 - ii. Dr. Doss asked if, since this is a long-term committee, were the lengths of service in the motion too short? Dr. Hrezo said that the Senate could design the lengths of service.
 - iii. Dr. Kopf would like to see some way for this committee to recommend policies.
 - iv. Dr. Fox asked if there was anything on RU transcripts to indicate that a course was an online course. Dr. Hrezo said that the Registrar’s office is working on this issue.
 - v. A number of friendly amendments were suggested and accepted by the Curriculum Committee. [Secretary’s note: The newly-amended motion is posted on the Senate website, along with the previous two versions.]
 - vi. The motion as amended passed.

VI. New Business

- i. None

VII. Announcements

- a. None.

VIII. Adjournment: 4:36pm