College Senate  
Thursday, February 17, 2011  
Large Board Room  
Brault Building  
1:30 pm

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Alexandria: Anne Anderson, Therese Aylward, Niki Neal, Joan Blankmann, Jim McClellan
Annandale: Barbara Divers, Kevin Simons, Kimberly Wright, Talula Guntner, Adrienne Hinds
Loudoun: Dana Beltran, Gert Helsin, Diane Mucci, Joyce Samuels
Manassas: Mark Kidd, Rachel Zuckerman, Alicia Tucker, David Scango
MEC: Patty Ottavio, Chris Sleuin, Joella Folks
Woodbridge: Bobbie Gershman, Sam Hill, Alfred Ross, Michael Turner, Vasanthi Krishnan, David Dillon
College Staff: David Mastropaolo, Claudia Chirinos, Kerin Hilker-Balkissoon,
Guests: Dr. Templin

Agenda

Call to order at 1:30 pm – Al Ross called Senate to order and introduced action items for the day.

January College Senate minutes were approved with corrections.

Dr. Templin met with and updated the Senate on a number of topics.
   a. Update on Pension Bills currently being considered in Virginia General Assembly. He supports the version passed by the House that would give state employees a 5% pay increase while also asking them to pay 5% of their salary toward their retirement. His reasoning is that this would drive up base pay and social security but also might allow us to get faculty raises approved by the VCCS.
   b. Also pleased to see a push for Increases in Virginia Budget for Higher Education.
   c. Pleased with economic health of the College.
      Ad hoc budget crisis disband
      Around over 80 faculty positions/ over 100 classified – professional positions approved.
   d. Continuing to look at issue of compensation.
   e. Advisory Committee on College Safety and Security being formed.

Dr. Templin also took questions from the Senate on a variety of topics from Parking issues to communication between the campuses and College Staff.

Al Ross gave an additional update on General Assembly’s pension bills. Said he would send the names of the members who would serve on the Conference Committee to the Save the Pension sub-committee as soon as those names were made available. He also expressed appreciation to Save the Pension sub-committee for coordinating the card drive

There was discussion concerning the NOVA policy on alerts and closings. Diana Mucci brought suggestions from the Loudon Campus Council that the decisions should be made sooner and perhaps institute staggered release (students first, faculty/classified staff 2nd) on campuses to prevent bottle-necks on exiting from the campuses.

   It was proposed by Diane Mucchi and seconded by Rachel Zuckermann that the issue be sent to the 6 Campus Councils as well as to ELI and College Staff for feedback and possible specific proposals that can be brought back to the Senate for consideration. Motion Approved.

A Revision of the Commencement Committee was considered. Several recommendations were put forward during the discussion by the Senate as follows:
   1) Recommended changes – 1 student from each campus
      Motion made by- Joella Folk
      2nd motion – Talula Gunter
      Motion – approved
2) Recommendation – 2 Division deans to include 1 Dean of Students  
   Motion made by: Sam Hill  
   2nd by: Michael Turner  
   Motion – approved

3) Approval of the Ad-Hoc Commencement committee to include the recommended changes to the 2010-2011 committee  
   Motion: Michael Turner  
   2nd: Alicia Tucker  
   Motion – approved

   Counselors – Alice Headly (AL) and Joann Credel (AN)  
   Motion moved: Alicia Tucker  
   2nd: Michael Tucker  
   Motion – Approval

4) Recommendation – future for the possibility of the creation of a Sub-Committee – “Commencement Program Committee” for the long run – made up of faculty and dean to decide on the next year’s program.  
   – Referred to the Committee on Committees to report back in March  
   Motion: Joella Folk  
   2nd: Kerin Hilker  
   Motion - approved

Al Ross updated the Senate on the Status of College Committee Recorder. The job description was given to Dr Templin and the issue will be discussed at next Administrative Council.

The status of Advisory Committee on Safety and Security was discussed. Mike Turner made a motion that the coordinator for Mental Health and Behavior be added to the committee. The motion was 2nd by Claudia Chirinos. Motion carried  
Motion to accept membership as advised was made by Diana Mucchi and 2nd Karen Hilfinger

Pending matters:

   Elections will be done by next week  
   Spring 2011 campus council elections  
   Posting of College Senate and Forum committee membership and minutes online  
   Office hours in the Faculty Handbook (report at March College Senate meeting)  
   Feasibility study of an evening/week-end administrator  
   Parking fines structure and appeal process  
   More freedom to campus business managers to provide special parking waivers

Next meeting, Thursday March 17, 2011

Adjournment