

Alexandria Campus Forum Council
Minutes – October 18, 2019

Vanessa Díaz called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. She welcomed the group and we introduced ourselves.

Members attending: Annette Haggray, Vanessa Díaz, Twyla Jones, Ivy Beringer, Maggie Emblom-Callahan, Nakul Kumar, Beth Lanthier, Marilyn Odaka, Faiz Adem, Jade Garrnett
Guests: Tyson Beale & Sherri Anna Brown

Approved last minutes of October 2019.

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Food pantry or birdhouse:

Dr. Sherri Anna Brown discussed the purposes of the food pantry.

- The interchangeable use of names
- Located at the student service lunch room for convenience
- Pick up hours, Monday & Thurs 8:30 am- 7:pm. Tuesday & Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm with the help
- staff
- Working on adding more hours on Saturdays.
- We discussed the possibility of having grab-and-go areas in the divisions during January registration, when demand is high but lines in Student Services are long.

Senate updates:

Senator Kat Hitchcock requests senates to review Window Covering Policy.

Senate supports NOVA participation in the best college to work survey. Results were presented to the College senate & the entire workforce.

- Shows weakness & strength
- Goals to work on with bodies of shared governance

Personal Service Committee recommendation to Senate.

1. Concerned about the new president transition to a new system of nova and understanding shared governance/challenges facing the college. The Senate recommends a lunch to discuss issues and concerns with the new president including senate, Personal Service Committee, Instructional, and Student Service Committee.
2. To form an Ad Hoc Committee that reviews, refines, and devise a “Best Practice Policy” for faculty evaluation process to ensure effectivity. This committee should consist of teaching faculties from Senate, Personal Service, Instructional, and Student Service Committee.

Real college conference

- Houston, Texas
- Conference about financial and food problems for students
- How to better provide services and resources to students

We discussed the campus feedback about the Great Colleges results. There were 24 responses to the campus feedback form, of which three were staff. We chose four topics to recommend to College Senate for their ad hoc committee. The topics that we chose were: communication, shared governance, respect and appreciation, and fairness. A follow-up email vote after the meeting removed respect and appreciation, because Councils were asked to nominate three topics.

We discussed adopting the Loudoun campus's "Thursday Threads" campaign and agreed to do that. Faculty and staff can wear jeans on Thursdays as long as they are wearing NOVA branded shirts.

There was a question for the provost about whether we had any feedback from after the reorganization. In January 2019, Marcus had sent a feedback form to the campus. What were the results? Should we do it again, now that we have had more time to study it? In a follow-up email, Dr. Haggray sent the college results to the Council.

The Meeting ended at 2:30pm