

Northern Virginia Community College  
Loudoun Campus  
Forum Council Minutes  
December 1, 2017

Attendees: Lisa Stelle (Chair), Hashem Anwari, Lisa Fitzpatrick, Jenny Horton, Mike Polcen, Will Straight, Laia Rovira Tarres (student representative), Lucy Weber, Debbie Wyne, Jack Zegeer

Absent: Chrystie Greges

1. Welcome—Meeting called to order at 1:05 PM. Will Straight volunteered to keep minutes for the session.

2. Review and approval of minutes from November meeting—minutes approved.

3. Old business

a) Senate updates

Lisa reviewed Senate coverage, which indicated that the Advising Model is a sticking point and regarded as a work-in-progress; a new draft is due out Dec 5.

Status of Fall Break days has reverted to “non-instructional” from “professional development” days.

Advisory Board is meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Scheduling of the meeting was discussed, given that it occurs during hours that make it tough for faculty to attend. Faculty morale seems the most pressing issue and has been for some time (RE: Miguel’s faculty advocacy group ~2 years ago).

b) Advising Model

Debbie plans to take some concerns to the President. Mike will convey similar concerns to the Senate. The model has been the topic of discussion in several venues, including the ISSC, in which Allison Thimblin seemed to note objections and share faculty concerns. The plan is very much being sold as a “five-year-plan”. Laia says that students will be more likely to discuss their problems with faculty at faculty offices rather than in a center. Topics discussed include the model’s relationship to IPASS, whether faculty will be pressed into service while off-contract, and how hours will be assigned.

c) Blackboard

The college’s contract with Blackboard expires in less than two years. What replaces it?

d) Parking

Jenny discussed issues with Parking and covered some of them. There are plans to provide a sidewalk between the HEC and LC buildings. A missing crosswalk associated with the HEC building and one of its adjacent parking lots was also addressed. Lisa will take this concern to Sally Wrenn and Mitch Markon.

A discussion about the absence of crosswalks and curbs brought up the need for curbs and ramps all the way around the loop road, especially opposite the north end of the science building, where wheelchair-bound students remain stuck on the road during a fire-drill evacuation. Lisa will take this concern to Sally Wrenn and Mitch Markon.

Will noted that the designated tornado shelters in the LS building aren't generally accessible. Will asked if the new power doors in LS automatically unlock during a power failure. Lisa will take these concerns to Sally Wrenn and Barb Canfield.

Lucy asked about the Vanpool sign located in the HEC lot and if could be removed or moved to another area on campus. No vanpools ever seem to be parked in the spot and the designation is taking up valuable parking space. Lisa will take this concern to Sally Wrenn and Mitch Markon.

Ticketing by Parking will be limited in some of the changed lots.

Efforts need to be made to control traffic congestion at peak times, possibly by alerting students to alternate exits from campus. Car/vanpool parking was also discussed.

#### 4. New Business

No new business was brought up during the meeting.  
Next meeting scheduled for February 2.

#### 5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 2:05pm.