

Loudoun Campus Council

October 8, 2015

Members Present: Will Straight (Chair), Tim Eichers (Vice Chair), Laura Siko (Secretary), Mike Polcen, Randy Fournier, Mary Frances Vito, Nathan Arthur, Nathan Leslie, Nelson Kofie, William McFadden, Bridget Pool

Members Absent: Scott Matthews

Meeting called to order: 12:33 PM

September minutes approved unanimously.

Old Business

- Campus council will table the issue of clustered certificate programs, as discussed at last meeting, until further direction is provided from college administration. Council agrees that faculty input and assessment should play a pivotal role in development of future certificate programs and grouping of courses to assure academic rigor.
- Empty classified-staff council position: no classified staff member has been identified for the open council/senate seat.
- Clarify Senate representative: Will Straight and Michael Polcen will serve as Senators. Alternate is Tim Eichers. Laura will send the names to Norie Flowers for college record keeping.
- Plans for link between LC – HEC: There will eventually be a walkway between the two facilities, but the project is pending based on funding availability.
- Faculty are concerned about the lack of crosswalks to Signal Hill and to the Target Plaza and would like to request the Provost address the issue with VDOT.
- Oct 12 & 13 Professional Development Days: Will spoke with the associate dean for NAS regarding the attendance requirements for faculty during Fall break. It was determined that for 2015, faculty are not required to be on campus. Going forward, clarification is needed on how the non-instructional days will be handled. The Council proposes taking the issue to the Senate for discussion, as last year the Senate compelled the VP for Academics to continue with non-instructional days.

New Business

- Laura de-briefed the council on issues discussed at Senate:
 - Student lock-out policies- Campus council felt it may be a safety issue if a classroom door is locked and campus police need to enter if there is an incident

within the classroom. Council believes the policy should be clearly stated on the course syllabus and that the issue should be addressed at the individual dean level.

- Parking hangtags: Loudoun Campus Council's position on parking hangtags is that they are inconvenient and do a disservice to marketing/awareness efforts. We advocate for returning to the sticker system.
- Anonymous Faculty & Staff Committee: Campus Council feels it's a logistically impossible task to effectively run an "anonymous" committee and feels it's the duty of campus councils to address problems or issues on campus. The larger issue college-wide is that feedback is often not sought prior to administrative decisions are made (i.e. switch from stickers to parking hangtags). Nathan suggests creation of an "online town hall" where faculty could express opinions in Q&A format to the Provost.
- Bridget voiced concern over the ability of NOVA (CARE team) to address student mental health and behavioral concerns in a timely fashion and in consultation with the faculty. Nathan suggests a professional development/training program for faculty on dealing with care-related issues. Council would like to see more frequent Active Shooter trainings on campus.

Next meeting:

November 11th, 12:30 PM – Council will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Meeting adjourned: