

Loudoun Campus Council

December 10, 2015

Members Present: Will Straight (Chair, TF), Tim Eichers (Vice Chair, TF), Laura Siko (Secretary, AF), Nathan Leslie (TF), Nathan Arthur (CL), Mary Frances Vito (CL), Nelson Kofie (TF), Mike Polcen (TF), Jenny Horton (CL), Syed Ali (Student, SGA President), Pablo Urioste (student), William McFadden (adjunct faculty)

Members Absent: Scott Matthews (TF), Bridget Pool (TF), William McFadden (ADJ), Randy Fournier (AF)

Meeting called to order: 12:33 PM

November minutes approved unanimously.

Old Business

- Will updated the council on the last Senate meeting.
 - The council is expecting a motion regarding creating a uniform summer pay policy from Senate that needs to be considered by LO Council.
 - Will summarized Charlie Errico's report on the State of the Faculty.
 - Consolidation of administrative services at smaller VCCS colleges
 - Expected faculty retirements/shortage of 25% in upcoming years
 - Discussion of faculty evaluation system to include cumbersome procedure and "proof" required for satisfactory completion of goals.
 - Physics cluster presentation on issues with ELI and quality control.
- Nathan elaborated on an issue from last month's meeting related to violent entertainment media in the student lounge. While most students do not abuse the privilege, some become quite rowdy and profane when engaged in game play. Nathan pulled excerpts from the student handbook related to student rights and freedom of expression. He expressed concern that NOVA students engaged in rowdy gameplay may be alarming to some. Jenny expressed concern that students in the lounge who are non-gamers and would like to use the space may feel unwelcome in the common areas. Tim mentioned, as a benefit, the community that has formed amongst the gamers in the student lounge. Nelson suggested the gamers themselves compose a code of ethics for use of the common space. Syed reported that students love using the LR lounge as a game room and like the more isolated atmosphere than in the crowded LC areas. Will plans to communicate with his game-night students about beginning a dialogue regarding civility in public areas.

New Business

- Bridget's agenda item on mental health services tabled until next year.
- Will presented concerns about early decisions by deans to cancel courses with historically low enrollments. Many courses that were cancelled are early morning, evening, or

weekend courses which cater to the adult population. The Campus Council would like to invite the Provost to a future meeting to discuss the budget and decision to cancel courses that may have rostered. Syed noted the best thing about NOVA are the numerous options students have, decreasing the schedule offerings makes it difficult for students.

- Syed expressed concern over inconsistent warning/ticketing procedures in the B lots and meters. Syed said students prefer hangtags to stickers.

Next meeting:

Meeting adjourned: