Faculty Senate Agenda
August 24, 2018

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2018
   - "FS Materials 2018-2019" (under "Files," and then "Resources") in Canvas

3. Announcements and Expectations (15 minutes)
   - Regular Faculty Senate Meetings
     - Cannot complete all deliberations in the Regular Meeting (20 hours / year)
     - Need committee structure (for deliberations) that report at Regular meeting
     - Operation - Robert’s Rules, Everyone has opportunity to reply once before anyone replies twice to motions
   - Expect to serve on at least one commission/committee
   - Fill vacancies in commission and committee membership

4. Topics for Faculty Senate to focus on for 2018-19 (10 minutes)
   - Governance
   - P&T (there is a Commission on Faculty Affairs (CFA) Workgroup lead by Bob Hicok)
   - Assessment of Faculty
   - Faculty Time/Productivity/Effectiveness (new name)
   - Commission Review

5. Standing Committees (chairs) (15 minutes)
   - Status of the "Legislative Affairs and Public Outreach" workgroups (bylaws, Article VIII)?
   - Existing: Faculty Review Committee (Sean O’Keefe)
   - Existing: Committee on Faculty Ethics (Joe Merola)
   - Existing: Committee on Reconciliation (Ken Eriksson - need new chair)
   - Proposed: Governance (Bob Hicok) - Review Bylaws and Constitution of FS, Faculty Handbook,...
   - Proposed: Assessment of Faculty (Marie Paretti)
     - Teaching (SPOT), Scholarship, Service
     - Implications for P&T, eFAR, PIBB...
• Proposed: Faculty Time/Productivity/Effectiveness *(need chair)*
  ○ Write the Charge of Committee, then come up with new name
  ○ Faculty Soundboard

• Proposed: Resolution Review *(need chair)*
  ○ All resolutions are now reviewed by all constituent groups: Faculty Senate (FS), Staff Senate (SS), Graduate Student Assembly (GSA), Student Government Association (GSA).
  ○ Vet resolutions and make recommendations to FS.

6. **Proposal to amend the Faculty Senate constitution to use Robert’s Rules (first consideration) (5 minutes)**

*Whereas* University Council and several Commissions use Robert’s Rules of Order;

*Whereas* Faculty Senate would like to keep the parliamentary rules consistent for our constituents;

*Therefore* we propose the following changes to the Faculty Senate Constitution:

• Proposed change to Article VII, Section 10. Parliamentary Procedure:
  The latest edition of *Sturgis’ Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* Robert’s Rules of Order, subject to special rules as may be adopted by the Faculty Senate, shall govern the procedures of the Faculty Senate, cabinet, and standing committees.

7. **Proposal to amend the Faculty Senate constitution around maximum terms (first consideration) (10 minutes)**

*Whereas* experience has shown that it is beneficial to have a mix of senators, cabinet members and officers with varying lengths of service;

*Whereas* colleges and departments should be free to make decisions around who best serves their interests;

*Therefore* we propose the following changes to the Faculty Senate Constitution:

• Change to Article V., Section 1. *The Faculty Senate Cabinet:*
  The members of the cabinet are the president, vice president, and secretary treasurer of the Faculty Senate, and one senator from each college and the library not represented by the officers. Faculty Senate cabinet members who are not senate officers are elected for a term of one year by caucus of the senators of the respective colleges. A senator may not be elected to the cabinet for more than two consecutive
The functions and duties of the cabinet are to serve as the executive committee of the Faculty Senate to which it is responsible and to which it reports regularly on the disposition of matters submitted to it; to act on behalf of the Faculty Senate between senate meetings; and to discharge other duties in accordance with parliamentary procedure and the Faculty Senate constitution and bylaws.

- **Change to Article III., Section 5. Term of Membership and Vacancies:**

  Senators are elected for a term of three years except as prescribed in the bylaws, and are eligible for re-election at their departments’ will but may not serve more than two consecutive terms (full or partial). Senators serve until their successors take office. Vacancies in unexpired terms are filled as prescribed in the bylaws.

**8. Proposal to amend the Faculty Senate bylaws (first consideration) (10 minutes)**

- There is no need to enumerate the standing committees, ad hoc committees, and workgroups in the bylaws.
- There are two workgroups listed that may not be active: Legislative Affairs and Public Outreach. In any event, they do not need to be enumerated.
- **Proposed change to Article VIII. Faculty Senate Work Groups or Committees:**
  
  **A.** The Faculty Senate may form work groups or committees as needed. Each is to be led by a coordinator or chair elected by its members. The groups shall report to the Faculty Senate and are subject to the purview of the senate.
  
  **B.** Legislative Affairs and Public Outreach are current work groups.

  **Legislative Affairs:** This work group will be responsible for establishing, continuing, and developing activities to ensure that those who make and influence public policy will be aware of the interests of the faculty.

  **Public Outreach:** This work group will be responsible for establishing, continuing, and developing activities to ensure that citizens of the commonwealth understand what faculty do, who we are, why we engage in the work we do, and what we accomplish.

**9. Caucuses to elect their cabinet members (Todd)**

**10. Ombudsperson Search committee nomination**

- **First meetings**
  
  - Wed, September 19 from 1:00 - 3:00pm
  - Mon, November 12, 9:00 – 11:00 am
○ Mon, December 10, 9:00 – 11:00 am

11. Other business
12. Adjourn