

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
January 23, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:

Monty Abbas, Alan Abrahams, Biko Agozino, Diane Agud, Susan Anderson, Robin Allnut, Richard Ashley, Arthur Ball, Jacob Barney, Bonnie Billingsley, Carlyle Brewster, Tanyel Bulbul, James Campbell, Virgilio Centeno, Alan Esker, John Ferris, William Galloway, LuAnn Gaskill, Ellen Gilliland, Tracy Gilmore, Nicolin Girmes-Grieco, Roger Harris, James Hawdon, Bob Hicok, Kathy Hosig, Eric Kaufman, Bradley Klein, Bettina Koch, Roberto Leon, Chang Lu, Eric Lyon, Zachary Mackey, Shelly Martin, Mike Nappier, Philip Olson, Marie Parette, David Radcliffe, Susanna Rinehart, Hans Robinson, Todd Schenk, Peter Schmitthenner, Brett Shadle, Richard Shryock, Stephen Smith, Ryan Speer, Jim Spotila, Divya Srinivasan, Cornel Sultan, David Tegarden, Diego Troya, Dwight Viehland, Bruce Vogelaar, and Layne Watson. (53 senators).

ABSENT:

Masoud Agah, Mehdi Ahmadian, Gregory Amacher, Osman Balci, Michael Borowski, Bryan Brown, Robert Bush, Stefan Duma, Candace Fitch, Joseph Gabbard, Sierra Guynn, Kathy Hosig, Sara Jordan, Margarita McGrath, Cayce Myers, Sean O'Keefe, Doug Patterson, John Richey, Tina Savla, Gary Skaggs, Eric Smith, Dean Stauffer, Jim Tokuhisa, Benjamin Tracy, Kelly Trogdon, Ryan Zimmerman. (26 senators).

1) Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2) Minutes

The minutes from the November 28, 2017 meeting were approved.

3) Appointments and nominations

Marie Parette offered to fill out the remaining year and a half of Leon Geyer's stint on the Commission on Faculty Affairs. Leon recently retired from Virginia Tech.

Virgilio Centeno offered to serve on the Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity, spring semester only.

4) Reports from the ad hoc review committee

Based on concerns raised by several faculty members in the fall about their tenure or promotion cases, an ad hoc committee, composed of the members of the Faculty Review Committee, looked into aspects of the 2016-2017 tenure and promotion process.

After discussion of the (2) reports generated by this committee -- a majority report approved by all members, and a minority report put forward by two members only -- the Faculty Senate passed the following resolutions:

- 1) To write a contextualizing preface to the first report; present the preface and report to the faculty members whose concerns initiated the investigation and ask what they would like to see done with the report; discuss their responses at the next Faculty Senate meeting.
- 2) To pass both reports on the CFA P & T work group.
- 3) To ask the faculty members who brought their concerns to the Faculty Senate if they would like the Faculty Senate to explore possible steps they might take in relation to their tenure or promotion cases, based on the information contained in the reports.

5) Closed session

The Faculty Senate went into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Coming out of closed session, a resolution was passed for the Faculty Senate to share the aforementioned majority report with the individual whose case was discussed in closed session.