Faculty Senate Agenda:  Nov 8, 2011
Virginia Tech
7- 9 pm, Pamplin 32

Attendees:  Abbott, Akers, Balci, Bassett, Benham, Chen-Yu, Cooper, Cothren, Dalloul, Eick, Ellerbrock, Hauman, Hein, James, Jarrott, Jones, Karpanty, Kuypers, Lazar, Long, S. Martin, Maycock, McPherson, Merola, Noirot-Maguire, Patil, Pencek, Pollio, Puckett, Quesada-Pineda, Reed, Renard, Resler, Rinehart, Smith, Stovall, Vance, Vinatzer, Vogelaar, Vollmer, Wilkins, Zajac,

Guests:   Flinchum, Deisinger, Foust, Walters, Hall
Bruce Pencek called the meeting to order at 7:03

## I. Introductions

## II. Approvals of today's agenda and of minutes of Oct 11, 2011
Agenda and minutes moved, seconded and approved

## III. Informational reports and interrogations

A.  VT Police: services, programs. Wendell Flinchum, Gene Deisinger, Kevin Foust

Wendell Flinchum:
        How to help faculty and how faculty can help.  Full-fledged police department and not parking services.  Concurrent jurisdiction in downtown Blacksburg to help out there.
        - Investigate crimes, etc.
        - Need to deal with information for all of the oversight on campus security.
     -  Handle emergency calls - dispatch 911
     -   Deal with emergency alerts.
      - VT rescue squad

 -   Perception of campus police usually has been formed  at other universities (as a student) and not always a true police force.
-  There is a faculty-staff police academy.

    Gene Deisinger -   deputy chief for operations and director of threat management services.   Very broad representation from across the university on the team.   Early identification/early intervention process.  Students are majority of caseload, but faculty, staff and visitors sometimes reach the team's attention.   Deal with disruptions in classroom and similar situations. Faculty are not all alone in dealing with these kinds of situations and we don't want you to feel alone.  "This may be nothing, but..."  Would rather find out something is nothing than to allow a situation escalate out of control.   231-5123.

Kevin Foust - (Came to VT from the FBI)  Hired to deal with off-campus facilities, including international campuses.  Looking at security of study abroad programs.  Also building security.   Gave his background with the FBI.
If overseas with a need, call back to VT dispatch center for help  (VT dispatch is a 24/7 operation).

Q&A period:
1.  Why not use cameras on campus?   Cameras are being installed in parking garage and other areas.
2.  If there is a problem at the Northern VA Center, whom do they call?  They still call VT Police.
3.  Guns on campus .  University cannot supersede state law.  VA is an open carry state.  Confusing issue now is concealed carry.
4.  Call 911 from a cell phone - you will get Blacksburg police.  You need to tell them you are calling from campus.   CRC is concurrent jurisdiction.
5.  Is there a difference if Univ Police handle an issue vs Town Police?  Yes, because we understand the students a bit more and deal with the university conduct system.
6.  Are the VT volunteer rescue squad state of the art trained?  Yes they are.


B.  VT Libraries: new vision of library services, collections, spaces: Tyler Walters.  Background: <http://www.lib.vt.edu/innerlib/news/strategic-directions.docx>

Tyler Walters, Dean of University Libraries:   PowerPoint presentation based on the strategic directions document linked above.
Research Libary as Table:  the Four Legs
1. Teaching, Learning & Literacies
2. Learning Spaces
3. Collections Access
4. Research and Curation

Want to make the library a great place where students can learn and want to be.  Want to be a place of convergence - people come to interact.

Working on trying to get document delivery for access to things we don't have to be under 24 hrs.  Bought about 4,000 ebooks.  A number of new services.  Book delivery service to departmental office.  (Don't pick them up.)
Department/College works:  vtechworks.lib.vt.edu

Research Data Planning & Management
Open Access:  Globally gone from 0 to 7,000 such journals in 10 Years.

What can FS do?   1) Consider resolution to encourage faculty to deposit of scholarship i n to VTechWorks repository.
2)  Consider a resolution supporting renovation of Newman Library for technology-intensive learning purposes.

3) Invite back in Spring to discuss Open Access to Scholarship.

A healthy question and answer period ensued.  Issues - archiving digital issues like Scholar.  Some open access journals have very large page charges.

97% of journals are now electronic.  Can get to them from anywhere.  What about nice study systems in the dorms.

III.  Announcements  (In the interests of time, Bruce suggested that any reports should be handled via the listserv so that we can handle issues of business.)

• Commission and committee vacancies

• Intelligence reports from governance news of interest to senate (if any)

**IV.  Old business**

• Transportation center pollution (Long)  Multi-modal Transport Facility.  This took Deans and Dept Heads by surprise.  Based upon senate wishes, Commission of Research agreed that this was not reasonable.  Went to University Council.  CUS also wanted to be a part of discussion.  CFA also learned about this - was  not a violation of policy but the business side often does not need to consult with faculty.

Proposal will not go forth this December but a proposal will be submitted next year to plan for this facility.

**V.  New business**

• CLAHS dean periodic review (CLAHS senator TBA).  See VT Policy 6105: Periodic Evaluation of Academic Deans,  04/19/2002 <http://www.policies.vt.edu/6105.pdf>.

Bernice Hausman - nominations taken by CLAHS faculty council to have a slate of possible members for the review committee.   A list of 12 faculty members were sent forward to the provost.  In mid-september,  a survey request was sent but no committee.  Committee had been constituted but not displayed.

Why were only 3  people from list given by faculty association chosen?   Finney said it was a starting point.  But Policy # 6105  says something different.

Would like  F.S. to pass a resolution.

Resolution read: "Whereas Policy #6105 identifies a specific process for the selection of committees to periodically review college deans, a process that includes the following language:

> Members of the evaluation committee are appointed by the Senior University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The committee is generally small, five to seven members, and is composed of tenured faculty and a department head or two from the subject college, and one or two representatives from other colleges. The college faculty as a whole shall elect a slate of nominees for college-based appointments from which the Provost will make the final selection. The college faculty association is responsible for the conduct of the election and submission of eligible names to the Provost.

Whereas the Provost, Mark McNamee, directed the Faculty Council of the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences to send forward a list of candidates for selection for this committee in keeping with Policy #6105,

Whereas the CLAHS Faculty Council accepted nominees and held an election, producing a list of 12 candidates, including a faculty member from the Northern Virginia campus, to send to the Provost,

Whereas the review committee created by the Provost includes 8 faculty members but only 3 from the list provided by the Faculty Council, and

Whereas the justification for the deviation from established policy, provided by Associate Provost Jack Finney, included the following rationale:

> For each senior management periodic review of a dean, we ask the faculty association to elect a slate of nominees to the review committee. We use this list as a starting point, making sure we select some representatives from the list. This ensures that the faculty association has input into membership on the committee. We find ourselves going beyond the list for the purposes of inclusive participation (e.g., disciplinary representation, diversity). Our selection of an ADP and a UDP also sometimes results in departures from the slate of nominees, such as when disciplines overlap. The Provost will continue to ask for a list of nominees from each college for these reviews and will always include as many as possible, given all the other considerations that are involved in establishing the final committee list.

The Faculty Senate resolves that the Provost should be required to follow existing Policy #6105 until such time as the policy is revised or replaced. In addition,

The Faculty Senate resolves that the Provost should meet with interested faculty from the Faculty Senate, including senators from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, to explain his reasons for deviating the terms of Policy #6105 in this matter."

Proposal was moved and seconded.

Since the time was very close to 9:00 pm, Motion made to extend discussion until 9:15.   This motion was moved, seconded and approved.


Discussion on the CLAHS Dean review followed a number of lines.  First, there was a question on whether or not the faculty senate had any authority to direct the provost ("Should be required.")  Second, there was discussion as to whether or not Policy 6105 was followed or not.  Some interpreted the policy to say that since some were appointed from the list then the policy was followed.  Third, some felt the wording was not specific enough to describe the concerns.  Fourth, many senators felt that the CLAHS faculty association should have been the first to contact the provost and brought this resolution to the senate if no resolution were to come of that.  Finally, some senators wanted more time to consider wording and the resolution.

Anita Puckett who made the original motion, withdrew motion.  CLAHS senators indicated they would visit the wording and bring back a different resolution.


VI.  Adjourn  - Senate adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph S. Merola
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved December 13, 2011