Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2022, @ 2:30pm
Pamplin 1045 or Via Zoom

Check-In

Senators Present: Montasir Abbas, Onwubiko Agozino, Diane Agud, Abiola Akanmu, Susan Anderson Richard Ashley, Paul Avey, Arthur Ball, Azziza Bankole, Andrew Binks, Hilary Bryon, Guopeng Cheng, Benjamin Corl, George Davis, Robert Dunay, Crystal Duncan Lane, Carla Finkielstein, Becky Funk, Matthew Gabriele, Kevin Heaslip, Rebecca Hester, David Hicks, Bob Hicok, Daniel Hindman, Ran Jin, Brett Jones, Mary Kasarda, Eric Kaufman, Holly Kindsvater, Nathan King, Bradley Klein, Vivica Kraak, Leigh Anne Krometis, Evan Lavender-Smith, Justin Lemkul, Alexander Leonessa, Jonathan Maher, Jason Malone, Eric Martin, Caitlin Martinkus, Frances McCarty, Rachel Miles, Michael Nappier, Aaron Noble, Gregory Novack, Thomas O'Donnell, Robin Panneton, Sarah Parker, Bruce Pencek, Christopher Pierce, Thomas Pingel, Nicole Pitterson, Robin Queen, Steven Rideout, Susanna Rinehart, Nicholas Robbins, Todd Schenk, Charles Schleupner, Richard Shryock, Laura Strawn, Cornel Sultan, Jay Teets, Steve Thompson, James Tokuhisa, Diego Troya, Kwok Tsui, Anna Ward Bartlett, Robert Weiss, Yan Xu, Liqing Zhang (69)

Guests: April Myers, Ellen Plummer, Alice Fox, Chloe Robertson (4)
(67 attended via Zoom, 6 attended in person)

Call to Order by Senate President Robert Weiss at 2:34pm

Resolutions with Faculty Senate
- **CGPSP 2021-22F:** *Resolution to Require Department Justification to Use the GRE in Graduate Admission - Application Review*, received: 2/4/22; **due: 3/3/22**, first review: 02/11/22,
  second review: 02/25/22, preliminary recommendation: comment
- **CFA 2021-22B:** *Resolution to Revise the Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws*, first Reading in Faculty Senate: 2/11/22; second Reading/Vote: 2/25/2022
- **CFA 2021-22C:** *Resolution to Clarify Language in the Faculty Handbook Regarding Extending the Tenure and Continued Appointment Clock*, received: 02/18/22, **due: 03/18/22**,
  first review: 02/25/22, preliminary recommendation: comment
- **CFA 2021-22D:** *Resolution to Approve Revisions of Policy 13010*, received: 02/18/22, **due: 03/18/22**,
  first review: 02/25/22, preliminary recommendation: waive right to comment
- **COIA 2021-22C:** *Resolution to Revise University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA) Bylaws*,
  received: 02/14/22, **due: 03/14/22**, first review: 02/25/22, preliminary recommendation: waive right to comment
- **CUSP 2021-22G:** *Resolution to Approve New Major, Real Estate, In Bachelor of Science in Business in Finance*, received: 02/14/22, **due: 03/14/22**, first review: 02/25/22, preliminary recommendation: waive right to comment
- **CUSP 2021-22H:** *Resolution to Establishment of the Department of Real Estate*,
  received: 02/14/22, **due: 03/14/22**, first review: 02/25/22, preliminary recommendation: waive right to comment

- **UC 2021-22B:** *Resolution to Rename the College of Architecture and Urban Studies to the College of Arts, Design, and Architecture*, received: 02/16/22, **due: 03/16/22**, first review: 02/25/22, preliminary recommendation: comment
- **CSA 2021-22E:** *Resolution for Approval of Undergraduate Student Senate Governing Documents*, received: 02/18/22, **due: 03/18/22**, first review: 02/25/22, preliminary recommendation: waive right to comment
- **CEOD 2021-22A:** Resolution to Modify Presidential Policy Memorandum (PPM) 286, received: 02/21/22, **due: 03/21/22**, first review: 02/25/22, preliminary recommendation: waive right to comment

1. Consent Agenda (Robert Weiss)
- Consent agenda including the following items was adopted:
  - Minutes for 2/11/2022 ([Link](#))
  - Agenda for February 25, 2022
  - **CFA 2021-22D:** Resolution to Approve Revisions to Policy 13010, preliminary recommendation: waive right to comment
  - **COIA 2021-22C:** Resolution to Revise University Committee on International Affairs (UCIA) Bylaws, preliminary recommendation: waive right to comment
  - **CUSP 2021-22G:** Resolution to Approve New Major, Real Estate Finance, in Bachelor of Science in Business in Finance, preliminary recommendation: waive right to comment
  - **CUSP 2021-22H:** Resolution for the Establishment of the Department of Real Estate, preliminary recommendation: waive right to comment

Business Agenda
Old Business
- **Updates from University Council, Commissions and Committees** were available for senators to review. The update for the Committee on University Support was discussed during the Open Discussion portion of the meeting.
  - **CGPSP 2021-22F**: Resolution to Require Department Justification to Use the GRE in Graduate Admission Application Review of the comment on the resolution.
  - No additional comments and questions were discussed.
  - The comment will be submitted following the meeting.
- **CFA 2021-22B: Resolution to Revise the Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws,** Second Reading/Vote: 2/25/2022.
  - No questions or comments.
  - The resolution was passed with the following results:
    Yes: 52
    No: 0
    Abstain:1

New Business
- **Sponsorship of Take Back the Night (S. Anderson/R. Queen)**
  Susan Anderson presented the goals of the rally and encouraged the Faculty Senate's endorsement and faculty participation during the event (Thursday, March 31 - 7pm).
  Faculty Senate approved sponsorship of the event.

- **2022-2023 Faculty Senate Elections**
  - Eric Kaufman introduced the process to elect officers and faculty senators.
  - Ran Jin discussed the calculated faculty senate seats for each department and the need to elect new senators. Office hours are available during the following week for senators who need clarification on what needs to be completed and the timeline for completion.

- **CFA 2021-22C: Resolution to Clarify Language in the Faculty Handbook Regarding Extending the Tenure and Continued Appointment Clock**
  - No comments or questions. Additional comments can be sent to the officers. If no comments are received the Faculty Senate will waive right to comment.

- **UC 2021-22B: Resolution to Rename the College of Architecture and Urban Studies to the College of Arts, Design, and Architecture**
  - Some senators pointed out that there was a lack of inclusiveness in the process to determine a new name for the college. The senators shared their frustrations but did not want to veto the content of the resolution.
  - Senators discussed whether the Faculty Senate comment was a good vehicle to share the concerns about the process.
  - Impacted senators will meet to decide if they are going to draft a comment with the goal of avoiding a similar situation in the future.

Open-Floor Discussion
- Update on the Commission on University Support (Jim Tokushia).
  - Google is moving from unlimited storage to a quota-based pricing model.
  - Based on the current storage usage by the University, it will cost over a million dollars to continue the Google service.
  - Google extended unlimited storage space for Virginia Tech through 2023.
  - No alternative service has been finalized. See details:
    https://it.vt.edu/projects/GoogleWorkspace.html
- Robert Weiss discussed the update of the mask mandate policy and the Faculty Senate Statement against Targeted Harassment, which are included in the weekly updates from the Provost's office: https://www.provost.vt.edu/provost-weekly-updates/weekly-february-21-25-2022.html
- Bruce Pencek asked about the progress of the IT and software procurement. Robin Queen mentioned the IT transformation site which might include additional information. https://svpcbo.vt.edu/Transformation-Initiative/ittransformation.html
- A comment was shared that often the cause of delay was due to legal review.
- Evan Lavender-Smith provided a comment on short contracts (e.g., one year) for collegiate professors in various departments at the University. The suggestion was made for department

heads to review all collegiate rank faculty and ensure that contacts were written with three-, five-, or seven-year terms.

5. Adjourn
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:53PM.