

## **Faculty Senate Meeting**

**7-9 PM, Pamplin 32**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2011**

**Senators Present:** L. Abbott, M. Akers, J. Bassett, T. Burbey, J. Chen-Yu, B. Cloyd, L. Cooper, R. Cothren, M. Ellerbrock, R. Jensen, B. Jones, G. Long, T. Martin, N. McGee, J. Merola, M. Moseley-Christian, K. Niewolny, D. Parker, M. Patil, B. Pencek, M. Ponder, W. Reed, H. Renard, L. Resler, S. Reinhart, D. Russell, E. Satterwhite, M. Schneller, J. Setuba, D. Smith, Y. Stivachtis, C. Stovall, E. Vance, P. Vlachos, M. Vollmer, B. Vogellar, J. Wilkins, A. Zajec

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Introduction**

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Ellerbrock at 7:00 PM.

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the February Minutes (with the clarifications presented by G. Long to the Senate). The motion was seconded and passed.

#### **4. President's Comments**

Ellerbrock informed the Senate that a presentation on parking and rates will be given at the April meeting. Progress is being made on the issue of parking fees for faculty and staff.

Ellerbrock also indicated the Faculty Senate feedback to CNS on the new phone/data system is producing results. CNS has queried faculty on needs/interests of the new unified system. Vendors recently displayed their communication wares to the faculty and staff.

#### **5. Elections of Senators and New Faculty Senator Officers**

Ellerbrock reminded the Faculty Senate of the 3/15 deadline for departments to elect new Senators. Departments have been notified of upcoming vacancies. Additionally, departments that have failed to elect Senators for AY 2010-11 have been notified by email and by letter.

Candidates for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Faculty Senate will be presented at the April meeting. The candidates are: B. Hausman, J. Merola, and P. Vlachos. They will deliver a short statement of their intended goals as an officer in the Faculty Senate. G. Long will moderate the question and answer portion of the presentations.

Elections will be opened after the meeting. VT Survey will be used to collect votes. The announcement of the election results will be presented at the May meeting of the Faculty Senate.

## 6. Policy 13005: Interdisciplinary Research Centers –

*Bill Knocke, Assoc VP for Research Programs and Rod Hall, Assoc VP for Research*

A review of the proposed policies for centers and university institutes was presented to the Senate by B. Knocke. In the presentation, Knocke informed the Senate that the majority of the work was centered on a reworking of Policy 13005. This policy was last reworked in 1996, and then reviewed in 2001.

Policy 3020 is also involved in this work. While 3020 deals with issues of financial and administrative oversight, and 3000 level policies do not normally go through governance, it is desired that the BOV look at the language of the revised work.

The revisions to Policy 13005 deal with the definition and usage of “Institute” in the university setting. While there are 30+ institutes on campus, there are only seven major Institutes that are recognized by the university. The policy revision more clearly defines the nature and administrative workings of Institutes and Centers. This revision is to be reviewed by five university commissions. The Commission on Research will be the host commission in this process. They will receive and process input from the other commissions. Upon completion of this process, they will present the revision to University Council.

A question and answer period followed the presentation. A summary of the exchanges is presented below:

Q1. How does the policy affect institute/centers that are not aligned with a college?

A1. There are nine institute/centers that will be considered as Institutes. Seven are currently aligned with a college, but two are not. Work is underway to address this issue.

Q2. Does the policy define what a center is to be?

A2. Yes, there must be administrative oversight. In most cases there will be college oversight. However, two institutes span college boundaries. In this case, there will be university oversight.

Q3. Will the new policy help or inhibit centers?

A3. It will help centers by better defining their roles within the university.

## 7. HOKIE Helpers

*Leon McClinton, Dir of Residence Life.*

Residence Life plans to run the Hokie Helpers Program again this year. The program helps the newly arriving first-year students in the “move-in” process on the week before classes. McClinton asked for faculty to help in the program this year. Time commitments are ~2.5 hour. While the program will run from Wednesday through Saturday, most help is needed on Wednesday and Thursday.

The website for the program is [www.hokiehelpers.org](http://www.hokiehelpers.org)

8. **New/Future Business**

No new business was brought forward to the Senate.

9. **Adjourn**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the March Meeting of the Faculty Senate. The Senate adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Long 04/08/11