



FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Meeting Date:	09/09/19	Time:	14:45 – 16:30	Location:	VA Campus, Building 60
Next Meeting:	09/23/19	Scribe:			Eric Sellers
Present:	Alexander, Katelyn; Alsop, Fred; Anand, Rajani; Blackhart, Ginette; Brown, Patrick; Burford, Mike; Burns, Bracken; Byington, Randy; Chen, Yi-Yang; Cherry, Donna; Drinkard-Hawkshawe, Dorothy; Dunn, Andrew; Ellis, Jon; Emma, Todd; Epps, Susan; Flora, Bill; Foley, Virginia; Fraysier, Donna; Garris, Bill; Gray, Jeffrey; Hendrix, Stephen; Holmes, Alan; Livingston, James; Lyons, Renee; Mackara, Fred; Marek, Greta; McGarry, Theresa; Oh, Sunny; O'Neil, Kason; Owens, Bea; Pealer, Jennifer; Peterson, Jonathan; Ramsey, Priscilla; Sargsyan, Alex; Sarkodie, Olga; Sellers, Eric; Sergiadis, Ashley; Silver, Ken; Smith, Samuel; Stone, William; Taylor, Teresa Brooks; Trogen, Paul;				
Absent:	Johnson, Jeanna Michelle; Kim, Sookhyn				
Excused:	Collins, Charles; Evanshen, Pam; Hagemeyer, Nick; Hemphill, Bill; Kostrzewa, Richard; Johnson, Michelle; Olson, Nate				

Agenda Items

Meeting called to order

1. Celebrations

2. Introductions

3. Announcements

4. Presentation: Mr. Jeremy Ross

5. Approval of Minutes

6. Informational Items

7. Action Items

8. New Business

9. Old Business

10. Comments from Guests

11. Adjourn

DISCUSSIONS

1. Celebrations

1.1 Dr. Alsop was married on May 12.

1.2 Dr. Epps now has three children in college.

1.3 **Flora** announced that Dr. Epps has joined the Department of Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis.

2. Introductions

2.1 Lauren Dickerson and Carrie Anderson – 4th year pharmacy students.

3. Announcements



DISCUSSIONS

3.1 **Foley** noted that she is the Faculty Senate rep on the IRB and reminded everyone that there are very helpful checklists for students and advisors who are going through the IRB process on the IRB website.

4. Presentation: Mr. Jeremy Ross, Chief Operating Officer – Safety Updates, Other Information, Q&A

4.1 There are four main topics to be discussed today: trainings, a new campus app, security cameras, and door locks. People are most concerned with active shooter training and whether we are prepared. We have many more assaults and an active shooter situation is much less likely than other emergencies. Public Safety has been participating in active shooter training situations over the summer. The trainings are loud and chaotic, and rubber bullets are shot around the room. Through these trainings it is clear that you cannot prepare for chaos. Public safety cannot be expected to respond immediately and everyone must be responsible for their own first line of defense. [Four people responded that they watched the safety video that was sent out to the entire campus last week.] It is important to plan, evaluate, and respond in an emergency situation. Faculty, staff, and students all need to be aware of an exit plan for each location.

4.2 A new app called ETSU SAFE has been developed to better prepare us for emergency situations and it can even be used for other notifications and communication. All of the possible features have not been implemented, because it is still in beta testing, but it can already be downloaded for Apple and Android. It is possible to share locations with emergency officials or any person listed in your contacts. The app is a far better way to communicate than text messages because of bandwidth issues. It also includes ETSU's emergency plans for many different situations such as a tornado or earthquake.

4.3 **Trogen** asked whether the app will require a verification code. **Ross** replied that it will during the setup process and then it will open without a code.

4.4 **Emma** asked what the Mobile Blue Light is. **Ross** replied that it is a way to contact Public Safety that will provide your GPS location. Emma further asked whether the app will track student locations and how is it that we are going to get them to use it. Ross replied that the app will not track location unless the app is turned on.

4.5 **Dunn** asked if anything is being done about the remote access dead spots on campus. Ross replied that every area on campus cannot be covered but the university is working with Bright Ridge to extend services.

4.6 **Ross** stated that there are hundreds of security cameras on campus. The state of TN has provided two grants, one to add additional cameras and another to provide additional door locks.

4.7 **Sarkodie** asked if medical centers will be able to be reached using the app and **Ross** responded that he hopes so.

4.8 **Burns** noted that he found out about last year's potential active shooter situation through a text from University School, and applauded all of the recent improvements. He is also the trauma med director for JCMC and suggested that the interface should include hospitals so that preparation for mass casualty event can happen as quickly as possible. Moreover, he is willing to be a liaison between the hospital and the university if someone is willing to reach out to him.

4.9 **Stone** asked if Ballad Health would also have access to the app. **Ross** replied that no decisions had been made yet.

4.10 **Alsop** asked how the large lecture halls are being secured. **Ross** stated that all of the new buildings have a set amount of funds for security features.

4.11 **Gray** questioned what the plan is for the leadership of Public Safety. **Ross** replied that Captain Tipton is the interim chief and a search for a new chief will begin after the first of the year.

5. Approval of Minutes

Flora questioned whether there was an objection to approving the minutes from the 08/20/19 meeting.



DISCUSSIONS

No Objection: Minutes Approved

6. Informational Items

6.1 College Elections – Dr. McGarry / Dr. Epps

6.1.1 **McGarry** noted that she needs to meet with someone from COM to find out the results of the election and to resolve the issue that the Senate by-laws are in conflict with the COM election by-laws. **Sarkodie** responded that an email about the election was sent last week.

6.1.2 **Epps** stated that Michele Johnson and Mike Burford are the new CCRSH representatives and she no longer represents a college and is serving in the role of Past President.

6.2 Handbook Committee Update – Dr. Epps

The committee is meeting every other week and the handbook should have a linked version in the near future. Once the linked version is ready the draft will be sent to the senate for review.

6.3 Board of Trustees Report – Dr. Foley

The next meeting is Friday, September 20. The meetings are open and live streamed. The meeting will be held in the Millennium center.

6.4 Faculty Sub Council Collaborative Report – Mr. Hemphill

Hemphill was absent and did not provide a summary.

7. Action Items

7.1 Committee on Committees – Dr. Epps

The committee has not met and will have an update at the next meeting. This year the committee is going to request volunteers from the faculty at large when soliciting volunteers to serve on committees that do not require the committee members to be senators. This method was tested over the summer and an overwhelming number of faculty volunteered for open positions.

8. New Business

None

9. Old Business

9.1 Brainstorming for Work Groups

[Flora passed out sheets of paper listing of the working groups from last year to all of the senators and asked them to indicate which working groups should be retained this year and to also provide suggestions for new groups that should be created.]

10. Comments from Guests

None.

11. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Brown
Second: Hendrix
Meeting Adjourned



any changes or corrections to the minutes.