Minutes of the Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate: December 10, 2013

Senators in attendance: Ashlee Claud, Beth Deskins, Jeff Orzolek, Leslie Anderson, James Harman, Scott Bennett, Matt Haga, Phil Crigger

Senators unable to attend: Angela DeVore-Green, Donna Spradlin, Loretta Estes

Guests: Laura Quesenberry, Ed Oakes, Laura Noll, Tom Cruise, Irvin Clark

1. Welcome. Meeting started at 11:03. Minutes from 11/12/13 were approved.

2. Discussion: Will this day and time (Tuesdays at 11) work for everyone next semester? Would 10:30 be better?

3. Discussion: AP Senate Mission Statement/Purpose Statement: Beth Deskins asked for comments. Send her any suggestions for the Senate’s values statement(s) by the start of the semester. Question of whether “values” was used as a noun or a verb. Heavy revision of the statement was performed during the meeting. Senate will vote on the revisions at the January meeting.

   a. In pursuit of the mission, the purpose of the AP Faculty Senate includes
      i. To support the University’s primary education mission and strategic goals.
      ii. To sustain and improve the morale of AP faculty.
      iii. To support and promote equality and diversity in the University’s professional environment.
      iv. To study, formulate, and recommend policies and procedures that affect the employment and working conditions of AP faculty, to include benefits, educational and personal leave and extra-university professional activity.
      v. To recommend procedures for appointing, disciplining, recognizing, and promoting AP faculty, including grievance procedures and policies.

4. Work-life balance sub-committee report:
   a. Peters Hall gym: future use once the new student-health center opens; how can AP Senate support Dean Shoemaker decide how to use that area;
   b. Ranking for Radford University re work-life balance: will look into what our rank is, the criteria used, and how to improve it.

5. Internal Governance Task Force: Met once itself and a second time with the Faculty Senate’s group to compare suggested changes; trying to create a flowchart of decision-making on campus.

6. AP Evaluation sub-committee: waiting to meet with Human Resources.
The next meeting might be the second Tuesday of January at 10:30 AM in the Bonnie Combo Room. Ashlee Claud will send out a survey.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38.