Minutes of the Radford University Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Senators in attendance: Geoff White, John Leonard, Michele Jenkins, Alix Guynn, Scott Bennett, Elizabeth McCormick, Ed Oakes (Cabinet Liaison)

Senators unable to attend: Chad Wall, Sandra Bond, Anthony Byrd, Dan Waidelich, Laura Quesenberry, Phil Crigger, Lisa McDaniel

Guests: Ashlee Claud, Eric Lovik, Irvin Clark, Teresa Anders, Beth Ratcliffe

1. Meeting began at 10:30 a.m. In absence of president and vice president, Parliamentarian Geoff White presided.
2. Minutes approved for October 13, 2015 meeting.
3. Discussion about difference in carryover hours for classified staff and AP faculty (AP can carry a maximum of 240 hours into a new year, regardless of years of service; classified can carry over 288 hours with ten years of service up to a maximum of 432 hours after 25 years of service).
4. Update on status of AP handbook: It is in the hands of Human Resources Director Christina Brogden. Recommendation was made for AP Senate Executive Committee to discuss approaching Director Brogden about the handbook.
5. Questions about internal governance committee appointments will have to wait until AP Senate president returns since he has the spreadsheet of vacancies.
6. Update on subcommittee to investigate RU Athletics event hosted by AP Senate: The subcommittee selected two games occurring over winter break to be hosted by AP Senate – one men’s basketball and one women’s basketball – but choices have not been confirmed.
7. Guest speaker: Dean of Students Irvin Clark
   - Dean Clark distributed a pamphlet about the services under Dean of Students Office.
   - People think of the Dean of Students office as the principal’s office, but conduct is just one small part of the services offered. Residential Life, the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, SAVES (Substance Abuse and Violence Education Services), Student Government Association, Disabilities Resource Office, and Student Support Services all fall under the dean’s purview.
   - “Awareness, advocacy, and accountability” is the new tagline for the office.
   - Student Support Services grant was not renewed.
   - Regarding sexual assaults, we are all mandated reporters. SAVES, the Counseling Center, and the Health Center are the only confidential sites on campus.
   - Campus is very different from 6pm Thursdays to 6am Sundays than it is the rest of the week.
   - 21 Radford students were arrested Halloween weekend.
   - Amnesty/bystander intervention – if a student is intoxicated but intervenes to help another student from being in a dangerous situation, the helping student will not face legal/conduct charges, even if under legal drinking age.
Regarding the search for a new university president: the search and transition teams are completely separate. The search committee has narrowed down a long list of candidates. This is a confidential search, not a closed search. In a closed search, candidates are guaranteed anonymity until the field is narrowed to three to five candidates; in a confidential search, no candidates will be revealed to campus except the one who accepts the position.

8. Discussion of an AP holiday party. Suggestions included: a gathering at BT’s after work (perhaps before an athletic event); folding it into the next senate meeting; letting the executive committee decide.

9. Next meeting is Tuesday, December 8th at 10:30 a.m.

10. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.