MINUTES
2015-2016 Faculty Senate
October 29, 2015
Heth 014


Members absent: Suzanne Ament, Abhay Kaushik, Elizabeth Lanter, Sandra Schneider, Skip Watts, Jennifer Whicker

Guests: Dr. Ebenezer Kolajo, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Assessment; Dr. Eric Lovik, Director, Institutional Research, Reporting, and Assessment

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.
II. The minutes for October 15, 2015, were approved with corrections to “Members present” and to the report by the chair of the FIC.
III. The Faculty Senate President gave his report.

a. Dr. Kopf reported that the Provost was unavailable as he was working on the cost-benefit reports requested by the BOV that will be provided to the BOV at its meeting November 12, 2015. Dr. Kopf stated that copies of the reports would be provided by Dr. Scartelli to departments being reviewed and that he would ask that copies also be sent to the RAC.

b. Dr. Kopf reported that Dr. Hazleton, at-large representative for CHBS, has resigned from the Faculty Senate and that a special election would be held in that college to fill his seat.

c. Dr. Kopf reported that he would continue to advocate to the BOV that it act upon the Motion on the Presidential Search Process that calls for “opportunities for stakeholders—including students, faculty, staff, and alumni—to meet the finalists and convey their assessment of each candidate to the Search Committee.” He will raise the issue at the upcoming BOV meeting.

d. Dr. Kopf reported that on October 10th, the FSEC met with Dr. Scartelli to review the status of motions approved in previous years and determine what further steps, if any, need to be taken regarding these motions.

IV. Committee reports
a. Campus Environment: Dr. Fox reported that the provost’s office has provided funding for Dr. Johnny Moore to attend a conference on faculty retirement transition programs.

b. Curriculum: Dr. Gainer reported that the committee has met with Dr. Kolajo for an update on the CLA+. She also reported that Institutional Research has been furnishing information in response to the committee’s questions about retention and transfer students and that the committee hopes to collaborate with the Governance Committee re curriculum pathways as that committee works on IG reform.

c. Faculty Issues: Dr. Barris reported that the committee will be considering the Motion re Policy and Procedures on Intellectual Property Transfer, referred by the Faculty Senate Executive Council on behalf of the Intellectual Property Committee, that was withdrawn at the last senate meeting and referred to the FIC.

d. Governance: Dr. Hilden reported that the committee has six motions on the table, five of which were scheduled to come off the table at today’s meeting. She also reported that the committee continues to work at reconciling the IG Document with the decision matrix, as well as at examining whether the IG Committees are up-to-date and functional.

e. Resource Allocation: Dr. Kasturi reported that the committee met with Dr. Kolajo to discuss institutional effective and is discussing the issue of the shortage of administrative assistants.

V. Old Business

a. The Motion to Approve the Academic Program Review Process and Template, referred by the FSEC on behalf of the Academic Program Review Committee, remains on the table pending changes in response to feedback received by the APRC.

b. Motion to Recommend Assessment Plans and Programs for Administrative Units of Radford University, referred by the Resource Allocation Committee, was taken from the table, discussed, and returned to the table.

c. Motion to Eliminate Quadrennial Evaluations of Department Chairs/School Directors, referred by the Governance Committee, was not taken from the table.

d. Motion on Timeline for Student Course Evaluations, referred by the Governance Committee, was taken from the table and approved.

e. Motion Revising Faculty Senate By-Laws Terms of Debate, referred by the Governance Committee, was taken from the table and approved.

f. Motion Revising Section II of Faculty Senate Constitution, referred by the Governance Committee, was taken from the table and approved.

g. Motion on Faculty Senate President’s Term on the Board of Visitors, referred by the Governance Committee, was taken from the table and approved.

h. Motion Revising Faculty Senate By-Laws for Written Petition, referred by the Governance Committee, was taken from the table and approved.
VI. New Business
   a. None

VII. Announcements
   a. None

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.