

Minutes of the Radford University Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Senators in attendance: Chad Wall, Sandra Bond, John Leonard, Geoff White, Niels Christensen, Sarah Strout, Nakia Shelton, Jackie DeLong, Ed Oakes, Michele Jenkins, Victor Gibson, Ashlee Claud, Phil Crigger

Guests: Angela Joyner, Alice Coughlin, Brianna Kuhn

Senators unable to attend: Scott Bennett, Alix Guynn, Laura Quesenberry

1. Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Minutes from May 10, 2016 meeting reviewed and approved.
3. As the first meeting of the 2016-2017 AP Senate with five new senators, everyone introduced themselves.
4. AP Senate President Chad Wall announced his impending departure from Radford University and said he was resigning from his position on the senate at the end of today's meeting.
5. Update on the AP Senate Handbook: it is being reviewed by Human Resources and will soon be forwarded to the AP Senate Executive Committee.
6. New Radford University President Brian Hemphill is hosting an open forum for AP Faculty on Friday, July 22, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. in the Hurlburt Student Center Auditorium. All AP Faculty are encouraged to attend and have their voices heard.
7. Parliamentarian called for officer nominations for the new school year. Nominations were accepted and elections performed in top down fashion. Election results:
 - President: Sandra Bond
 - Vice President: John Leonard
 - Secretary: Nakia Shelton
 - Parliamentarian: Geoff White
8. Meeting times will continue to be second Tuesdays of every month at 10:30 a.m. in the Bonnie Combo Room.
9. President Hemphill will be given all the dates of fall meetings and will be asked which one (if any) he is available to attend. After President Hemphill picks a date, other guests will be invited for other meetings. A call for suggestions of speakers garnered the following:
 - The new vice president for enrollment (when the position is filled)
 - The new provost (when the position is filled)
 - The new vice president for student affairs (when the position is filled)
 - Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs Jeanne Mekolichick
 - Career Center Director Angela Joyner
 - The new human resources director (when the position is filled)
 - Director of University Services James Perkins in late spring to discuss upcoming campus projects
 - Someone from RU Athletics – perhaps Cory Durand to talk about the new sports logo.

10. Call for suggestions of “field trip” meeting locations – the new building for the College of Science and Technology and the new building for the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences were suggested.
11. Suggestions for other activities included discounted tickets for AP Faculty for basketball games over winter break and a social event at a local restaurant or bar to get to know each other. Other ideas for speakers or activities should be emailed to new AP Senate President Sandra Bond at smbond@radford.edu.
12. The purpose of the AP Senate was discussed and prompted a quick review of the bylaws.
13. Discussion of showing expressions of appreciation to university faculty and staff to compensate for this year’s planned raises being cancelled.
14. Discussion of the culture of campus and the hierarchy of authority and if it is rigid across campus culture or dependent upon department. Also discussed: the difference in culture between centralized and decentralized campuses.
15. Senators were again encouraged to attend President Hemphill’s open forum and to encourage AP employees from their areas to attend, too. Senators were encouraged to poll their areas in order to speak on behalf of their constituents at the open forum. Senators wanting a list of AP employees in their area may email John Leonard for it at jcleonar@radford.edu.
16. Outlook calendar invitations for 2016-2017 meetings will be sent to all senators.
17. The AP representative on the Presidential Transition Committee announced the following events President Hemphill is planning:
 - October 6th – an open house for community members at the President’s House
 - October 9th – Highlander Kids Day at the Dedmon Center
 - October 12th – a community service project in conjunction with President Hemphill’s inauguration
 - October 13th – the Inauguration of President Hemphill, including a ceremony in the morning followed by three luncheons: one for special guests to be held at Kyle Hall, one in the new science building for alumni and donors, and one for all of campus on the library lawn.
18. Next meeting will be August 9th, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bonnie Combo Room.
19. Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.